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Shanghai Court Official Jailed.

A SENSATIONAL CASE.

Shanghai, Dec. 29. William Alden Chapman made an impassioned plea for leniency in the United States Court this morning when he pleaded guilty to a charge of embezzling G\$15,000 during his term as clerk of the United States Court of China.

He was sentenced to three years and five months' imprisonment at Macneil's Island, Washington.

It will be remembered that Chapman was arrested on his arrival at Seattle from Shanghai last July, and there not being any extradition laws whereby he might be returned to China within this jurisdiction, he was about to be returned under the Federal laws of the United States.

Appeals against this were entered, and were pending, when Chapman, following the advice of Major Holcomb, who represented him, returned to Shanghai.

The case has aroused the greatest interest locally, as Chapman was at one time one of the most popular members of the American community in Shanghai.—Reuter.

A CAFE "BOY."

CLAIM AGAINST LANE, CRAWFORD'S.

EMPLOYED ON TRIAL.

A Chinese, "boy" previously in the employ of The Cafe, Lane Crawford, sued for \$40 in the Summary Court this morning alleging that he had been dismissed without notice.

Plaintiff stated that he had been engaged on Oct. 25 as salesman at the counter at a salary of \$40 a month. On Nov. 30 he was dismissed without notice.

Cross-examined by Mr. D. M. Goodall, Manager, plaintiff admitted that it was made clear to him that he had only been engaged on trial.

Mr. Goodall: Were you told on Nov. 10 that your services were unsatisfactory and that you would not be required after the end of the month?

Plaintiff: No, I was not told that or I would not have gone to the trouble and expense of bringing this writ.

Mr. Goodall called the Chinese cashier who had acted as interpreter on that occasion. This witness said that plaintiff was told that he would be replaced as soon as another "boy" could be got.

The No. 1 sales "boy" at the Cafe was also called and said that he was present at this interview. Plaintiff had been told that he would be replaced.

Mr. Justice Wood found for the Cafe, with costs, but remarked that he did not think it had been made clear to the plaintiff that his services would not be required at the end of the month or else he (His Honour) did not think the "boy" would have brought the writ. He mentioned this, as not affecting his judgment but to let Mr. Goodall know his view.

BANDITS ROUTED.

400 CAPTURED AND 100 KILLED.

A LONG ENGAGEMENT.

Cantonese bandits under the notorious leader Wong Yiu-chung were routed in the Pak-fa-huen district of Kwangtung after an engagement lasting two days and nights.

About a hundred outlaws were killed in the battle and about four hundred were captured.

The Patrolling Guards under Commander Wu Fung-chung were the troops which took part in the action.

Communications will soon be restored to normal, says the "Canton Gazette." Hitherto this gang of bandits has extorted blackmail from merchants and travellers under the pretence of offering protection to shipping.

There will be a New Year's Party on New Year's Eve at 7.30, at Union Church, Lecture Hall, and a watch-night service in the Union Church.

DIED IN SLEEP.

Solicitor at Repulse Bay Hotel.

MR. R. F. MATTINGLY'S DEATH.

The "China Mail" records with regret the death of Mr. Reginald Frederick Mattingly at his room in the Repulse Bay Hotel some time last night from heart failure.

It is generally known, especially among the closer of his large circle of friends, that Mr. Mattingly had suffered from chest trouble for a number of years. Yesterday he was working in the office, Messrs. Deacons, solicitors and was in consultation with his senior partner, Mr. W. E. L. Shenton and Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., the barrister.

This morning his room was entered and life was found to be extinct and it is supposed that he succumbed while asleep.

Interest in Cricket. As a partner in Messrs. Deacons, deceased was well known to people in all walks of life in the Colony by his pleasant manner and charming bearing.

His age is not definitely known but it is thought that he would have been about forty.

His health prevented him taking any active part in the social activities of Hong Kong. When he first came to the Colony some ten years ago he played tennis, and such other games as his constitution permitted him to take part in. Of late years he was a very keen cricket spectator, watching with keen interest all the important matches on the Hong Kong C.C. ground.

His Brilliant Career. Mr. Mattingly was a brilliant lawyer with an outstanding career. As a visitor to the office, who called to tender his regrets, stated, his death is a loss not only to the firm of Deacons but also to the local legal fraternity and to the Colony.

It was in 1916 that Mr. Mattingly arrived here to join his firm. Three years ago, he was admitted into partnership, this being when Mr. J. Scott Harston retired and the old name of Deacon, Harston and Shenton was changed.

1st Class Honours Man. Mr. Mattingly held the degree of Bachelor of Laws of London University. He was a first-class honoursman in the solicitors' final with several prizes. Prior to leaving Home he acted as lecturer with Messrs. Gibson and Weldon, the London firm of legal coaches and was a lecturer at one of the Welsh Universities. He was an old Merchant Taylors School boy.

Deceased was not married. Before coming to Hong Kong he had been rejected for War service on medical grounds. An added touch of sadness is caused by his death at this time. On New Year's Day he was to have retired from Messrs. Deacons and to have gone Home to seek specialist treatment for his illness.

Sympathy will go out to his partners, colleagues and his many friends. A number of hong flags were flown at half-mast in the city today as a mark of respect to deceased.

The funeral takes place to-morrow, the cortege passing the Monument at 5 p.m.

WEATHER FORECAST

Till noon to-morrow, the official weather forecast is as follows:—N.E. winds, fresh; fair.

At 10.55 a.m. this morning the Observatory reported:—Pressure has increased slightly from the Bonins to S. Manchuria. It has decreased slightly along the Kaptze Valley and over Formosa and is nearly stationary elsewhere.

Meteorological observations at 6 a.m. this morning: barometer 30.31; temperature 49; humidity, nil; wind N.E.; force 2; weather blue skies.

SAVOY HOTEL DANCE.

The first public function held at the new Hotel Savoy will take the form of a New Year's night dinner dance. The hotel orchestra will provide dance music until 1 a.m. The Ball Room, which is artistically furnished, has accommodation for about three hundred couples. Tables may be reserved at the Hotel's booking office.

RUGBY RADIO.

Praise From Hong Kong.

TRANS-ATLANTIC TALKS.

Rugby, Dec. 28. High praise for the Post Office wireless engineers for their work at the Rugby high power radio station appears in the second report of the Wireless Telegraphy Commission.

Among the reports of testings from all over the world, the South Atlantic, Florida, Suez, Australia, Nantucket, Hong Kong, Java, Dutch East Indies and New York pay tribute to the clearness of Rugby's signals.

Sydney reported that Rugby was the only high power European station readable through the atmosphere. The good strength and note remained constant throughout.

The telegraph installation has so far been worked only on an eight mast aerial with two-thirds power. The station has accommodation for sixteen masts.

On a small section of aerial with an experimental telephony transmitter, a good reliable two way conversation across the Atlantic to New York has been obtained repeatedly for many hours of day.

Experiments will shortly be made on the main telegraph transmitter and Trans-Atlantic telephony transmitter to determine whether simultaneous operation is feasible.

Further installations are contemplated, namely a short wave plant and a medium wave plant.—British Wireless Service.

215 for 3-Minutes.

London, Dec. 28.

In view of the satisfactory progress in the experimental development of trans-Atlantic telephony, the Post Office announces the opening of a preliminary British and American public service in January.

The charge will be \$15 for a 3-minute conversation and \$5 for every additional minute.

The announcement draws attention to the possibility that atmospheric conditions will sometimes prevent effective conversation, and says that allowance will be made, therefore, in charging, to Reuter.

Wireless telephony between London and New York will possibly be opened for public service early in the New Year, according to the "Westminster Gazette."

This paper understands that His Majesty King George and President Coolidge are being approached with a view to them inaugurating the service by conversing with each other from Buckingham Palace and the White House.

ANOTHER REMAND.

Diwan Sen, the Indian, who has been detained in Police custody during the past week upon telegraphic instructions from the Lahore Police, was again brought before Mr. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Sgt. Elston informing the Bench that no further instructions had been received from the Punjab Police, his Worship granted a further remand until Friday morning.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 1/11 3/4.

\$500 CLAIM.

Books That Were In Arrears.

WALLER & CO. SUED.

In the Summary Court this morning, Mr. J. H. O'Brien, of the Advertising and Publicity Bureau, claimed against A. G. Waller and Co. for \$500. This, it was claimed, was for accountancy work done during June.

Mr. F. X. Remedios was for the plaintiff and Mr. C. Gordon Leask for the defendants.

Plaintiff said that he was employed by the defendant firm in April of last year as assistant manager of the Imports and Exports department. In April of this year he received verbal notice that, owing to depression, his services would be no longer required after May.

Plaintiff left at the end of May. His salary was \$300 a month.

Before dismissal, said plaintiff, Mr. Waller approached him on the matter of accountancy work during May. There was no agreed fee. Plaintiff agreed to do the work but did not know the extent of it. Although his employment terminated at the end of May, plaintiff was shown the accountancy work by Mr. Waller on June 4. It consisted of entering up the books which had not been kept from January to May.

Mr. Waller asked plaintiff to write up the books and agreed to pay him \$100 for very month in arrears. This plaintiff did and completed the work on June 25. He had asked Mr. Waller several times for the agreed fee but had been told that defendant was pressed for money at the time. He had not received payment.

Employed As Accountant? Cross-examined by Mr. Leask, plaintiff denied that he was employed by Waller and Co. as accountant and that the work he did in June was work which he should have completed before his departure.

Plaintiff admitted that his previous work before joining Waller and Co. was accountancy work.

Shown the firm's books, plaintiff admitted that they were in his writing but maintained that all entries had been made in June. None had been made before then.

Plaintiff's notice was called to an entry of \$500 for accountancy fee. This had been crossed out and "solicitors' fees" inserted above the amount. Plaintiff said that this was the amount for which he was claiming. It was inserted with Mr. Waller's consent.

Mr. Leask put it to plaintiff that this was a fictitious amount and that it was only inserted to balance the books. This, plaintiff denied.

Plaintiff was cross-examined as to his relations with Mr. Waller. They were friendly, he stated, and had borrowed sums of money from each other from time to time.

Asked whether he thought it reasonable for the Court to believe that, having been employed at a salary of \$300 a month, he would have been asked by Mr. Waller to do 25 days extra work for \$500, plaintiff said he thought it was reasonable.

A "Friendly Act."

Mr. A. A. G. Waller was then called for the defence and in reply to questions said that it was quite right that at the end of May no entries had been made in the firm's books. He denied that he had engaged plaintiff specially for this accountancy work in June and stated that it was work which should have been done by plaintiff during the period of his employment.

He pressed plaintiff several times to do it before he left at the end of May and as it was not done then, plaintiff agreed to do it in June as a friendly act.

Mr. Leask claimed that the plaintiff had not proved a contract to do this extra work which was more in the nature of an audit. Plaintiff had also admitted that his previous experience had been in the capacity of an accountant and that he had no experience in importing and exporting. Mr. Leask asked the Court to find that plaintiff had been originally engaged to do accountancy work and that the work in June was that which should have been done before. It was only after Chinese New Year that the plaintiff had been engaged as assistant manager of the imports and exports department.

His Honour (Mr. Justice Wood) said that he would consider the merits of the case and give judgment on Friday morning.

SEVEN DAYS.

Aerial Voyage to New Zealand.

AMBITIOUS PROPOSAL.

Rugby, Dec. 28. Captain Courtney, the well-known air pilot, is elaborating plans for the most ambitious long distance flight yet conceived—an aerial voyage from this country to New Zealand by a flying boat in about seven days.

He intends to fly day and night over long stages of about 1,500 miles each, stopping only long enough at the end of each stage to refuel.

The machine to be used for the flight would be probably a large twin engine British flying boat built to carry a heavy load with a cruising speed of between 90 and 100 miles an hour.

On some days Captain Courtney hopes to do not merely a 1,500 miles stage, but perhaps a stage and a half.—British Wireless Service.

HOOKED!

ESCAPING OPIUM SMUGGLER CAUGHT.

WATERFRONT COMEDY.

"You went fishing for him?" asked Mr. R. E. Lindsell amid much laughter at the Central Magistracy this morning, when a Chinese Revenue Officer was giving evidence in connection with the arrest of a man charged with being in possession of 22 taels of illicit opium.

The defendant, in the case pleaded "not guilty."

The C.R.O. who arrested the defendant said that whilst on patrol duty near the Mongkok Ferry Wharf, Connaught Road Central, yesterday afternoon, he saw the man approaching him in a suspicious manner. Proceeding to search the defendant, he found three paper packages concealed under his coat. These contained a number of tins of opium.

The defendant: It was not found on me.

His Worship: Be quiet. Your turn to speak will come later.

Continuing, witness said that the defendant then jumped into the water and tried to swim away. Witness caught him by means of a hook.

The Magistrate: You mean that you went fishing for him? (Laughter).

Witness: Yes. I caught him and pulled him out of the water, and then took him to the Revenue Office.

In reply to Mr. Lindsell, witness said that the opium fell into the water, being subsequently recovered by a diver in the presence of E. O. Ward.

Asked what he had to say in answer to the charge, defendant said that he jumped into the water in order to avoid a motor car which was approaching.

His Worship: Oh I see! The witness has been telling lies?—Yes.

His Worship: Well, yours is a very nice excuse. Have you any other thing else to say?—That is the truth.

His Worship: You are convicted. You appear to be a seaman on the s.s. "Cheung Chow" and this is not your first appearance here. In 1922 you got three months for smuggling tobacco and the following year you jumped your bail of \$30. You are fined \$2,000 or eight months' hard labour.

INDIAN CONGRESS.

Gauhati, Dec. 28. The conference has endorsed the Swarajist programme by a large majority.—Reuter.

The Swarajist leader Motilal Nehru moved for continuance of the policy involving non-acceptance of government offices, refusal of supplies and rejection of the budget.

When a Chinese charged with assault was brought before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning, it was noted that the complainant in the case, had failed to appear in person.

Observing that, as far as he could see, the case did not appear to be very serious, his Worship ordered the defendant to be discharged.

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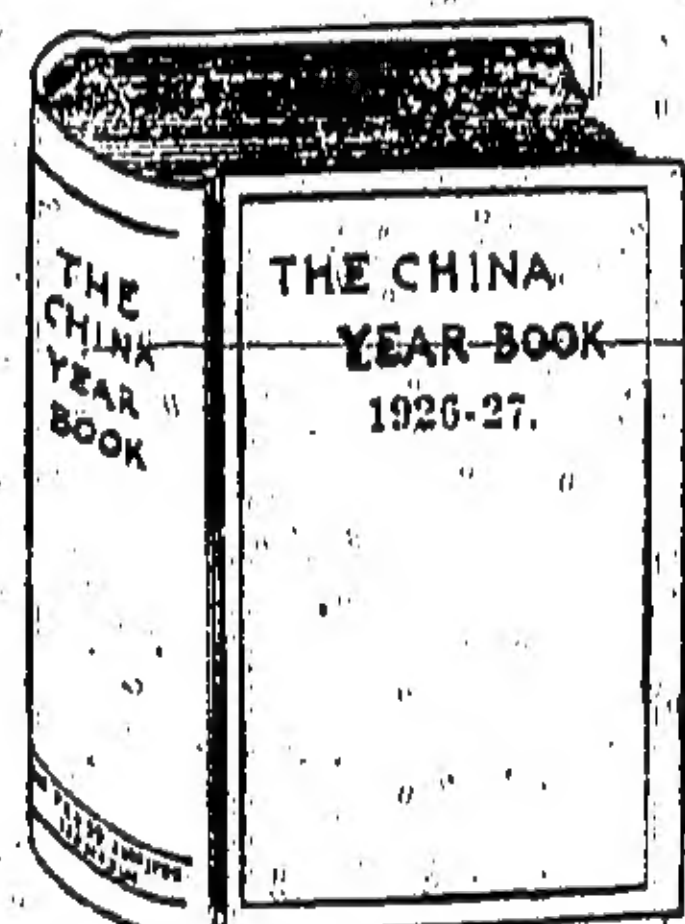
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Hong Kong Station, Dec. 23, 1926.

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Hong Kong, 23rd Dec. 1926.

KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB.

THE ANNUAL CHILDREN'S SPORTS will be held on SATURDAY, 1st January, 1927, at 2 p.m.
J. P. ROBINSON,
Hon. Secretary.
Hong Kong, 29th Dec., 1926.

CHINA COAST OFFICERS' GUILD

MARINE ENGINEERS' GUILD OF CHINA.
HONG KONG BRANCHES.

A COMBINED MEETING will be held on THURSDAY, 30th December, 1926, at 4.45 p.m., to receive important correspondence. Every member of both Guilds must endeavour to be present.

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W. J. STOKES,
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THE K.R.A.**PLANS FOR FERRY
ENTRANCE
REPORT PRESENTED.**

The Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association held their monthly meeting last week. The following were present:—Rev. J. Horace Johnston, (President), Dr. J. C. Macgown, (Vice-President), Mr. J. L. Parren, (Hon. Secretary), Mr. J. M. Alves, (Hon. Treasurer), Rev. Father Spada, Rev. G. R. Lindsay, Capt. T. T. Laurensen, Messrs. W. J. Stokes, F. H. Crapnell, J. M. Ndronga, F. W. Stapleton, A. W. Eastman, and F. J. Eastbrook. Apologies for absence were received from Mr. de Sousa, Mr. Abraham, and Mr. Tape. Knowing that the question of improving the Star Ferry approach was engaging the attention of the Government, the Committee, at their previous meeting, resolved to ask the Government to acquaint the K. R. A. if possible, with the outline of the proposed scheme before it was finally agreed upon. At the same time, a sub-committee was appointed to scrutinise and report upon any projected plans which the Government might see its way to furnish for their inspection.

The sub-committee, consisting of Messrs. W. J. Stokes (Convener), F. H. Crapnell and F. J. Eastbrook, now presented a very able and exhaustive report on the subject. Maintaining the best traditions of the K. R. A., they resolved that whatever criticism they made of the Government scheme should be of the helpful and constructive sort, and, with the expert knowledge of engineering and architecture and traffic conditions which they possessed amongst them, they were certainly well qualified to render valuable service. The fact is that they travelled so fast in the direction of formulating all the essentials of a workable scheme that, apparently, they outstripped the Government, and, instead of waiting for the Government plan, they were able to draw out a plan of their own, which they were encouraged to believe would be of value to the Government and might form the basis of a practicable scheme.

A "Gyrotory System." It is not possible, without showing the plan itself, to explain all its features. It will, however, interest the general public to know that it is based on what is known as the "gyrotory system," and reduces the crossing of traffic to the absolute minimum, and, of course, the slower the traffic the nearer the kerb.

It may also be stated that the Committee has proceeded on the principle that convenience and utility are of greater importance than aesthetic appearance. They have, accordingly, considered the interests of the Kowloon residents rather than the tourist photo-

grapher, and decided against the suggested continuation of the Station colonnade across the whole frontage, as being an impracticable outlay of public funds and a hindrance rather than a help to the solution of the traffic problem. At the same time the Committee believe that the various shelters, which they recommend for the comfort of passengers, are arranged in such symmetry that they lend themselves to an architectural treatment which should give the ferry approach, if not an imposing, at least a pleasing and artistic appearance.

A point which has been strongly urged is the need for widening the Salisbury Road, particularly where it comes to a bottle-neck opposite the Water Police Station. It is further contended that the most effective widening will be on the southern side. The indebtedness of the sub-committee to Mr. F. J. Eastbrook for his painstaking work in preparing the drawings and working out the details of the scheme was cordially acknowledged. The report and plans have now been sent to the Colonial Secretary.

Children's Playground. As the project for the extension of the children's playground in Chatham Road has not made much headway of late, it was decided that the President and Secretary of the Association should form, with Mr. J. M. Alves, the Convener of the Playground's Sub-Committee, a deputation to interview the P. W. D. Engineer-in-Charge, and if necessary the Colonial Secretary, in order to ascertain the present position and the possibilities of the suitable development of the additional area which the Government has apportioned for the purpose.

Kowloon Cemeteries. The Secretary read the answer of the Government to the queries of the Committee on this subject, and it was found that the answer did not quite cover the whole ground of the inquiry. The Committee, accordingly, before commencing with the Government plan.



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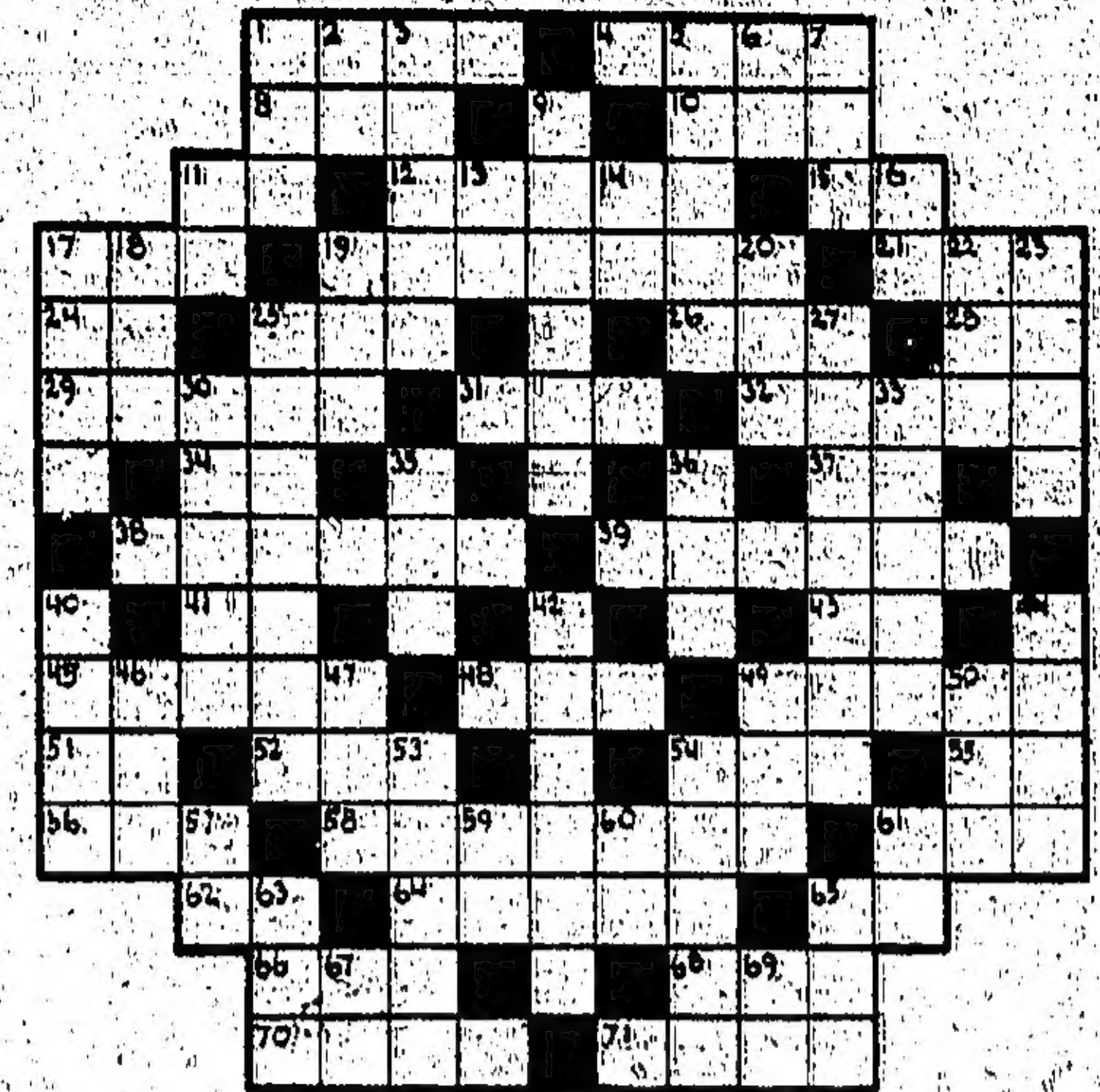
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OUR CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)

**HORIZONTAL**

1—Two-wheeled vehicle
4—To glide
8—Empty
10—Chopping tool
11—Division of Bible (abbr.)
12—Discovered
15—A large cask (abbr.)
17—Kitchen utensil
19—Metal cap on the end of a cane
21—Asterism
24—Personal pronoun
25—Title of address
26—Self
28—Interjection
29—Herring-like fish
31—An iota
32—Reach blindly
34—Prefix meaning "in"
37—Prefix meaning "double"
38—Assertion
39—Happened
41—A broad street (abbr.)
43—Prefix meaning "again"
45—Assuage
48—Every one

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

49—Bad in a Pullman car
51—Extremely
52—A color
54—Angry
55—You and I
56—Measure of weight
58—One who commits treason
61—Light couch
62—About
64—Gold bar
65—A thoroughfare (abbr.)
66—Hotel
68—Digit
70—To punish
71—Attire

VERTICAL

1—Dash
2—For instance
3—Ailure
5—A dipper
6—Domestic animal
7—Very damp
8—Curtain
11—Upon
13—Conjunction
14—Name unknown (abbr.)
16—Calcium (abbr.)

VERTICAL (Cont.)

17—Shove
18—Polishous snake
19—Convulsion
20—Inlets
22—Cure
23—Therefore
26—Copper urn for keeping water hot
27—Demanded
28—Competitor
29—Lubricator
35—Dense crowd
36—Annoy
38—Done by
42—Vehicle mounted on runners
44—Sharpen
45—A card game
47—Still
48—Hinder
53—Misdeeds
54—Precept
57—A continent (abbr.)
59—Article
62—Tower
63—Small coin of U. S. (abbr.)
65—Till
66—Put
67—Negative
68—From

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Taikoo Wan Yi (1,376 tons) British, from Port Kamfa; B. & S.—4,430 tons coal for Hong Kong.

Shantung (1,568 tons) British, from Canton; B. & S.
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Colorado (4,223 tons) British, from Shanghai; Bank Line.—10 tons Hong Kong, 190 tons for ports beyond.

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Pembroke (4,968 tons) British, from London, Singapore; J. M. & Co.—600 tons Hong Kong, 3,448 tons beyond, 6 passengers.

President Jefferson (8,448 tons) American, from Manila.—144 tons Hong Kong, 1,205 tons beyond, 81 passengers.

Tai Tak (2,081 tons) Portuguese, from Hong Kong; Luen Fat.—3,802 tons coal Hong Kong.

Kotsu Maru (918 tons) Japanese, from Takao, Swatow; O.S.K.—870 tons Hong Kong, 208 tons beyond, 169 passengers.

Harunasan Maru (1,887 tons) Japanese, from Suminoe, Miki; M.B.K.—4,000 tons coal Hong Kong.

Genoa Maru (4,894 tons) Japanese, from Yokohama, Shanghai; N.Y.K.—1,217 tons Hong Kong, 4,710 tons beyond.

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At 9 a.m. to-day the following numbers of vessels were in port:—

British	28
American	1
Panama	1
Norwegian	1
Danish	1
Japanese	10
Chinese	13
Dutch	7
Portuguese	3
Total	66

Dec. 28: departures—8 British, 5 Japanese, 1 Chinese—total 12; arrivals—8 British, 4 Japanese, 1 Portuguese, 1 American—total 14.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

Notice has been given that a Table of Predicted Tides for Side Saddle, Approaches to the Yangtze River, for the year 1927, is now procurable at the Coast Inspector's Office, price \$2. These tables predict the times and heights of high and low water and give general information for the Approaches to the Yangtze River.

For anchoring his craft in the cable reserve the master of a junk was fined \$10 by Lt. Comdr. G. F. Hole at the Marine Court yesterday morning.

Following discussions between Signor Mussolini, Signor Umberto, the Italian engineer, and Herr Flettner, the inventor of the German rotor ship, Italy is to build a 6,000 ton rotor ship, says a "Central News" Rome correspondent.

"SUNNING" TRIAL.

EVIDENCE OF ENGINEER'S "BOY."

INCIDENT IN A CABIN.

Interest at yesterday afternoon's hearing of the "Sunning" piracy case was centred round the evidence of Chan Sang-po, the 2nd Engineer's "boy," who was responsible for the arrest of the 6th accused (defended by Mr. M. K. Lo) against whom the evidence of Naval officers two weeks ago was very conflicting.

The first witness called yesterday afternoon was a ship's "boy," Kwok Yee, who stated, in reply to the Crown Solicitor (Mr. H. K. Holmes), that he had been on the "Sunning" for six years. Witness described the activities of the pirates in the 2nd class cabins and identified the 1st accused as having searched the baggage of 2nd class passengers.

Cross-examined by Mr. Lo, witness said that he could not say for certain whether the 1st accused was a 2nd class passenger. Witness could not say whether, after leaving Amoy, he attended any particular passenger; it was difficult for him to remember as he was very frightened at the time.

Officers "Boys."

The next witness called was Ng Ah-sang, who said that he was the Captain's "boy" and that he was serving tea to the first class passengers in the saloon when the pirates first came on to the saloon deck. Witness was pushed into the pantry where he remained until 9 p.m. when he was ordered to prepare food for ten pirates. Witness subsequently served the food to six of the pirates in the 1st class saloon.

Mr. Holmes: Can you point them out?—Yes. They were the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 7th, and 8th prisoners.

Mr. Holmes: Have you any doubt?—No. I am sure.

In reply to further questions, witness said that he hid in the pantry until the fire started when he went to the stokehold.

Mr. Lo did not cross-examine this witness.

The Chief Officer's "boy" corroborated the evidence of the last witness adding, in reply to the Crown Solicitor, that he knew a man named "Lap-Choon" who was a ship's accountant, but had not seen him since the piracy. Witness believed that the man had been wounded by a bullet.

Chan Sang-po, the 2nd Engineer's "boy" said that before serving the pirates' meal, he saw the 6th accused enter his cabin and go out again.

His Worship: Didn't he do anything?—No.

His Worship: Just came in and went out?—Yes.

Mr. Holmes: Did he carry any firearm?—Yes, a short gun.

Continuing, witness said that the Naval party arrived on board the "Sunning," he pointed out the 6th accused as one of the pirates.

Cross-Examined.

Cross-examined by Mr. Lo, witness said that he was quite certain that it was No. 6 who had entered his cabin.

Mr. Lo: Were you present when he was tied up?—Yes.

Mr. Lo: How was he dressed?—He wore a yellow coloured coat. He wore no overcoat, but had a waterproof hat.

In reply to further questions, witness said that he saw No. 6 taken into custody, but was not present when the man was searched.

Re-examined, witness said that there was no light in his cabin when No. 6 entered, but there was a good light in the alley way just outside.

Mr. Lindell: The light was behind the man when he came in?—Yes.

His Worship: How could you see his face?—I did see it.

His Worship: You are prepared to swear that this is the man?—Yes.

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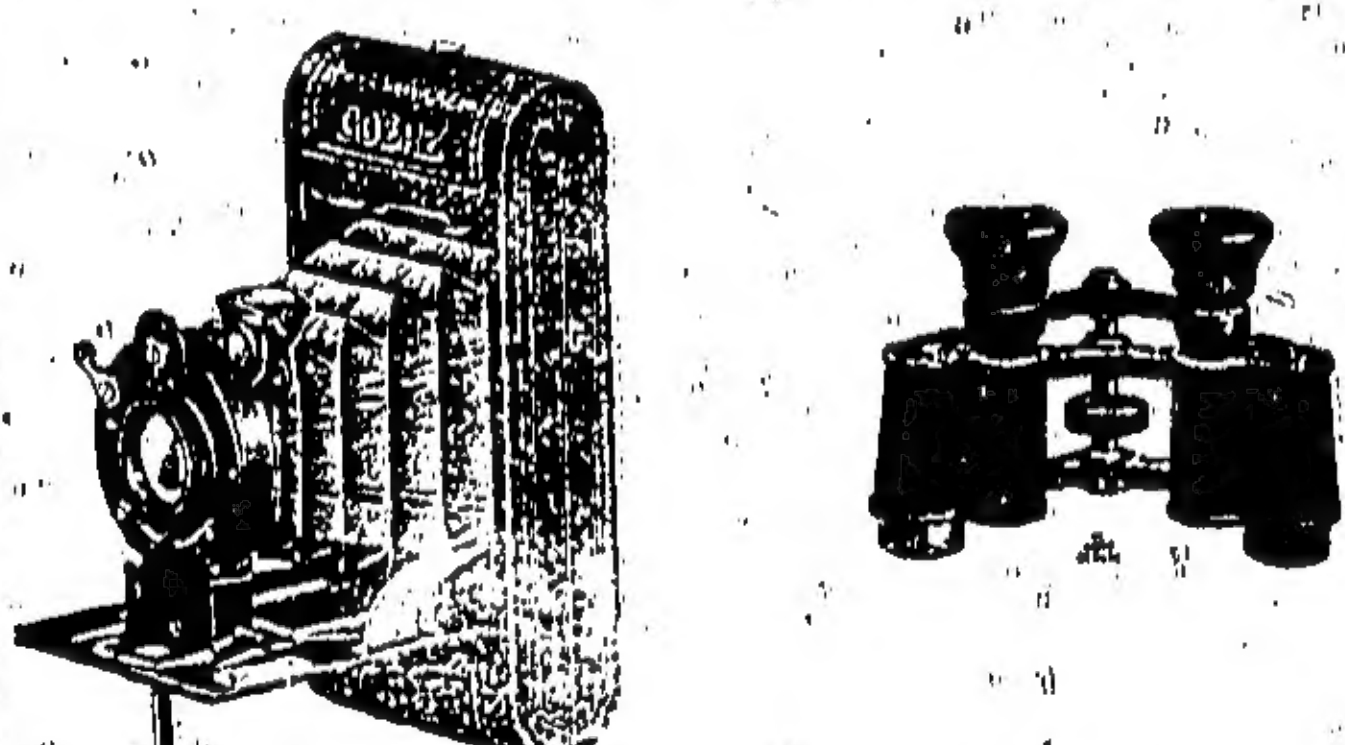
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REHABILITATED.

Whether or not the Southerners and the Northerners accept the British proposals and whether or not the other Powers endorse them, the one great fact stands out in bold relief—that Great Britain has been rehabilitated. By one bold stroke she has shown not only China but the whole world that her policy in China is fair and consistent; and, moreover, if any concessions are required to meet the ever-changing conditions in China, she is ready to make them.

What matters most at the moment is not the Memorandum presented to the Powers but the spirit thereof. This gives the "Manchester Guardian"—hitherto a rather trenchant critic of British policy in China—an opportunity for saying that "if the Bri-

tish Government courageously persists in the spirit of the Note, the chance of coming to some honourable and satisfactory arrangement with China is better than for a long time past." The same paper adds that "the whole Note breathes the spirit of moderation and wisdom, which is as humane and as politic as the British Government in effect asking the Canton Government to come to a sensible interim arrangement until some authority has definitely established itself as the Government of China. That is a fair offer." The comments of other British newspapers are likewise constructive and helpful. For instance, the "Daily Chronicle" hopes that "the statement will help to dispel the false impression of British policy which has prevailed in China, causing anti-British feeling." "Moderate and judicious" is the verdict of the "Daily Mail."

Abroad there is observed the same willingness to praise the spirit underlying the British Memorandum. The "New York World" describes it as "a liberal policy combined with good sense"; the "New York Times" cannot imagine "a more patient or a more far-reaching policy than that marked out by the British Government"; and the "Figaro" considers that "the British policy shows a peaceful and conciliatory spirit."

Having re-established, so to speak, her bona fides with her own nationals and with other foreigners, it only remains for Great Britain to succeed as well with the Chinese themselves. That, naturally, is the only thing that matters. As has been pointed out repeatedly it has been amongst the Chinese that British policy has been misrepresented, and it is among the Chinese that British policy must be rehabilitated. As indicated at the outset of this article the precise fate of the actual Memorandum is not so important as is the readiness of the Chinese themselves to recognize British policy not as something inimical but as something worth proffering and worth endorsing.

The Archbishop of Canterbury.

The statement published in the London "Daily Express," to which reference was made in yesterday's issue of the "China

Mail," that that great churchman and statesman, the Most Rev. Randall Thomas Davidson, Archbishop of Canterbury and Primate of All England since 1903, is to resign the metropolitan see at the beginning of the New Year, will not come exactly as a surprise to most churchgoing folk. It will, however, occasion a good deal of speculative discussion in ecclesiastical circles. There have been many rumours during recent years to the effect that his Grace was contemplating retirement—he will be 78 next April—and a definite announcement will be keenly awaited by all. It has been understood for some time that the Archbishop has been "carrying on" owing to the difficulty of finding a suitable successor. It is somewhat strange that, whilst the Archbishop of Canterbury ranks second only to princes of the blood in the matter of precedence in the Realm, his wife has no title whatever, being plain Mrs. Randall Davidson. The solution is, of course, obvious. The table of precedence was drawn up before the Reformation, in days when all the clergy were celibates. Still, strange as may appear to be the somewhat anomalous position of the Primate's wife, custom during recent years has invariably held that the Primate of All England should have a gracious lady to preside over the destinies of Lambeth Palace. If, therefore, this custom is followed, both the Archbishop of York and the Bishop of London would be at once ruled "out of Court," for both these distinguished ecclesiastics are confirmed bachelors. To return to the present holder of the archiepiscopal see. Speaking a few months ago in reply to the presentation of an address from the Church Assembly, of which he was the first Chairman, Dr. Davidson said that if that night's gathering had been held, as was originally planned, two nights earlier, he would not have had the distinction of being the longest-termed Primate. Archbishop Sutton, who died in 1823, held the Primacy for 23 years and 151 days. His own time was then 23 years and 152 days. Indeed a record of which any ecclesiastic might be proud. If Lord Beaverbrook's journal is correct in its anticipation of the early retirement of the Primate, the Prime Minister will have no easy task in finding a successor. The name of Dr. Temple, the scholarly Bishop of Manchester has been mentioned more than once, but Mr. Stanley Baldwin may have a surprise up his sleeve. His appointments of pro-consuls during the past two years have proved singularly well-selected, and it is to be hoped that the prelate he chooses as Dr. Davidson's successor will be at once a scholar and a statesman; for, perhaps never before in the long history of the Anglican Church have these qualities been more essential, for not forgetting the time of Archbishop Parker, when the Prayer Book took its present form, or Archbishop Laud's Primacy, when England was at grips with Puritanism, the Church of England is passing through more eventful times than even then.

"THE CADUCEUS."**UNIVERSITY MEDICAL JOURNAL.****NOVEMBER ISSUE.**

Interesting observations on anti-malarial measures and malarial problems in Formosa as compared with Hong Kong (by Dr. A. G. M. Severn) are contained in the November number of "The Caduceus," the journal of the Hong Kong University Medical Society.

Another article of general interest is that by Professor H. G. Earle on "An Imperial policy in Education with special reference to the University of Hong Kong."

Medical papers and other scientific contributions deal with surgical and other matters, some being based on observations and statistics at local hospitals.

The journal is well edited and contains information which will be extremely valuable to medical students.

AN ERROR CORRECTED.

The photo of a Chinese wedding which was published on the top of page 7 in last Friday's "China Mail" was described as being that of Mr. Lam Ming-fun (secretary of the Kowloon Motor Bus Co., Ltd.) and Miss Ng Nga-ying. The bridegroom was Mr. Henry P. C. Pun of Hong Kong Amusements, Ltd., and the bride was Miss El Wong, the daughter of Mr. Wong Shui-ki of the Treasury. This wedding took place at the Rhenish Mission Church on Dec. 11. The "China Mail" regrets the inconvenience caused to the various parties concerned.

CHINESE DRAMA.**QUAINT "PROPS" AND STAGE CONVENTIONS.****A PEKING FIRST NIGHT.**

My friend—the chance acquaintance in a year of travel—had shared my interest in the theatre of Japan, writes G. Pongelley Kerr in the "Daily Telegraph" (London). In North China we met again, and agreed one night to see together the far older drama of Peking.

"4.45 at the hotel," I suggested. "The show starts about five or six in the afternoon, but we won't be able to stand more than two or three hours of it."

As usual, my friend wanted to start earlier to get the most out of the tickets, and, as usual, he was the first to be bored by the show. I secured a competent Chinese interpreter, and the three of us took rickshaws down to the Chinese city. We left the Legation quarters, passed the Forbidden City, and cut of the Tartar City, down the teeming streets of Chinese theatreland. Hu Chang-yung, my invaluable ricksha boy and general guide to the party, stopped outside what looked like a very tawdry fifth-rate cinema house. It was bitterly cold. "We were all chilled from half-an-hour's run in rickshaws, and yet my friend would insist on stopping outside to ask Hu Chang Yung if he liked plays."

Hu Chang Yung could only answer "yes," and my friend, who never seemed to cure himself of a tourist's quixotic interest in everything, said he would give him money to buy a ticket.

The interior was more or less keeping with the outside. It was small and dirty, very dirty, and the audience looked dirtier still in their woollen and fur-caps, which are never very attractive. But it was appreciative. One of the seven plays of the day was just ending as we entered. Everyone seemed moved. Howls, groans, hoots, hoots of approbation, all gave proof of excited enthusiasm. I could not help thinking of the cold, critical "houses" in the West-end. The stage, was in the form of a wide ellipse, with a rectangle stretching behind. The two ends of the ellipse were occupied by the band, the band's friends, and the band's friends' friends. They sat there, talking, playing, spitting, for all the world like children who have not been given a pat in the grown-ups charade and are compelled to come in only as the crowd. And they did so enjoy beating their drums and cymbals and doing their best to drown the words of the actors on the stage. I am not exaggerating the noise. During the performance I had great difficulty in hearing the interpretation from our Chinese friend.

Two Plays.

"Charades," that is the name most applicable to the evening. They tell me that Chinese drama is older than the Empire itself, but in dramatic technique and stage equipment it compares unfavourably with the poorest of house-party amateurs. In the plays we saw the furniture consisted of a table on which tea was always ready for the wearied actor to get a drink, and two chairs which were moved about from one side of the stage to the other by coolies dressed in ordinary clothes. A single mauve curtain at the back, with two entrances right and left, completed the "props." In the second play the furniture was the same, but the mauve curtain was varied by a bright red and yellow creation so gaudy that the ordinary European found it rather a trying background even to bare chairs. But colour is largely a matter of habit, and perhaps we were wrong not to appreciate the immense wealth of colour displayed by the costumes of the actors. Gorgeous indeed they are, and the stereotyped masks which the men playing women's parts usually wear seem to heighten the effect. But I am digressing. Little by little we picked up the story of the plays. The first hinged on the theft of a manuscript, and was illustrative of the Chinese love of culture and scholarship. The Emperor, it appeared, had commissioned the son of one of his officers, who happened to be a well-known scholar, to copy a famous manuscript. So well had he copied it that he had given back the copy and kept the original for himself. The next Emperor, suspecting the theft, told another high official to secure the manuscript. The father of the scholar is, in his turn, told to procure the book. The interest centres round the intrigues necessary to recover the stolen book without mining the criminal. The other story was more primitive. It concerned the semi-historical and semi-mythical figure of a bandit chieftain, living about 167 A.D. The head of a prosperous family injures this bandit, and the insult involves the death not only of the perpetrator himself, but of all his family with him. It is a gruesome story, and one which might have been

"MERCURY" VISIBLE.**OBSERVATIONS OF LOCAL ASTRONOMER.****WHEN TO LOOK.**

The Rev. H. R. Wells, who is keenly interested in astronomy, informs the "China Mail" that on Xmas and succeeding mornings he has obtained a clear view of the planet Mercury, for a glimpse of which he had scanned the heavens in vain for some years.

The planet, Mr. Wells states, will be visible for a few remaining mornings between 6.10 and 6.25 providing the sky is clear. Mercury is the nearest known planet to the sun. To locate it, observers should look a little to the south of East. A little above is Saturn, to the south is the red star Antares, and close to the horizon is Mercury.

common in the age before Homer. I said the story was hard to pick up. In the first place the subject matter was well known to the audience, and our little Chinese guide had only to hear the few opening sentences before saying, "Oh, yes, this is the story of Sing Wa." I was reminded at once of the usage of the old Greek stage. There, an *eschylus* or a *Cratinus* was confined to the common canon of stories about the gods and heroes. Only in the treatment was he allowed any latitude. Consequently, the Greeks, like the Chinese, were able to take a great deal for granted which it would be necessary to insert were the audience less informed.

Conventions.

In addition, the amount of convention was amazing. I suppose I saw hardly one-tenth of it, but a few simple rules, carried me some way. It was just the convention which children, with their vivid imagination, contrive for the defeat of their older friends. In a nursery the sofa often becomes in turn a ship, a cart, and an aeroplane, and the stool can be an island, a raft, or a fortress, and the children insist that "grown-ups" should appreciate their conventions. The Chinese do the same. The hero climbs into a chair, while his enemies rush past him on the stage. He has eluded escape, for was he not concealed in the leafy branches of an oak tree? He crouches under a table and lies hidden in a cave until his pursuers have gone behind the back curtain and he can emerge from its legal! The convention for crossing a river amused me most. The scene-shifters in ordinary clothes rush in and arrange the chairs with their backs to the table. The hero then solemnly mounts the chair, passes over the table, and down the other side. He picks up a small staff with three red tassels attached to it, and goes off the stage. Immediately we know he has mounted a horse and is away. In a moment he may reappear, bearing the staff. He changes its elevation; we know he has halted. He throws it to the ground; he has dismounted. He approaches a big castle; a particular movement of his hands conveys the fact that he has unlocked and closed the gate behind him. With the imagination of the audience so well trained, the action of the play can proceed at enormous speeds. Coolies enter carrying oblong shields of paper painted blue and white, and we know a storm is brewing; a scarlet cloth, and we look (I know not why) for a boat therein.

With such conventions the drama cannot but be complicated, for all its simplicity. But it is the complication of a child's charade. In the gruesome second play, the villain who, according to custom, always wears a white mask, (men whose characters are only partly smirched wear a white plaster over their noses and under their eyes), put to flight the whole family with a single brandish of his sword. A moment later a man in a black cloak over his head rushes out, chased by the bandit, and we gather that the ghost of the entire family is on the stage. When the paterfamilias of the family is himself killed later, not only does the victim not fall down, he actually walks merrily off the stage. He is, we understand, in the minds of the audience "a deader." In Christmas charades I have been killed in the same way myself! Two hours of this mental strain and the cold of the theatre itself made us a little restless. There was a moment's pause in the action which gave the opportunity we wanted. The actor representing the stereotyped Buddhist priest had become tired. He retired to the table at the back for a cup of tea. "Let's just wait to see him raise his beard!" I said. Outside we found our ricksha boys.

"Well," said my friend to them, "how did you like the play?"

"Oh, all foreign peoples go play; ricksha boys no go play."

"But," said my friend, "I gave you 4."

"I think much better no go play, so catchie chow!"

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BRITISH POLICY.

Recognising Nationalist Aims.

HOME PRESS COMMENT.

London, Dec. 28. Comment is published in this morning's papers on the British Memorandum to the Powers.

The "Morning Post" declares the document is both a plain statement of British Policy towards China and a cordial invitation to other interested Powers to manifest equal consistency in their dealings with the Chinese people. "The British" Government in its Memorandum, frankly recognises that the Cantonese Nationalist aims are inspired by a legitimate desire for the independence of China, with which the Government has always been in sympathy.

The "Daily Mail" describes the proposals on the whole as moderate and judicious and says they can be accepted as a fair statement of principles which should be followed in Britain's dealings with China. Facing the Facts.

Referring to the seizure of sugar taxes it declares that it may be wise to recognise the reality of the case and abandon the contractual privileges which we admit are indefensible. Such an arrangement can be justified if it can form the basis of regularising the position in Canton.

The "Daily Telegraph" declares that the experience of the Peking Customs conference has been intentionally disregarded in the memorandum and adds that so far as the primary intention of the tariff conference is concerned it has already been broken beyond repair. "Any reborn of the eternal treadmill of self interest and misunderstanding will only result in widening the breach which an unfortunate conference due between a friendly nation and the rest of the world."

The "Daily Chronicle" hopes that the statement will help to dispel the false impression of British policy which has prevailed in China, causing anti-British feeling.

Moderation and Wisdom.

The "Manchester Guardian" in an editorial says if the British Government courageously persists in the spirit of its note to the Powers in regard to China, the change of coming to some honourable, satisfactory arrangement with China is better than for a long time past. The whole note breathes the spirit of moderation and wisdom, which is as humane as policy, the British Government in effect asking the Canton Government to come to sensible interim arrangements until some authority has definitely established itself as the Government of China.

That is a fair offer, and if the Cantonese, confident of their power, seize Shanghai and Peking, they may be willing to accept it; but the Nationalists are in a hurry and not always content with what is reasonable. Possibly the British proposals will meet with delays owing to disagreements among the Powers. If it proves impossible to maintain a united front among the Powers, one gains the impression that Britain will no longer be willing to abandon its viewpoint simply for the sake of unanimity.—Reuter.

American Comment.

New York, Dec. 28. The British memorandum on China has been well received in the United States, judging by newspaper comment.

The "New York World" declares the memorandum shows a liberal policy, combined with good sense, and states the British are realistic enough to recognise the day when the liberal policy in the Far East has gone forever.

The "New York Times" is of opinion the document indicates complete disavowal of force in settling the Chinese difficulty, and ends the grotesque picture painted by some ill-informed friends of China of predatory nations early awaiting a chance to pounce down on China and despoil her. It adds, "Would anyone imagine a more patient or more forbearing policy than that marked out by the British Government?"—Reuter's American Service.

French Press Views.

Paris, Dec. 28. According to the "Petit Parisien," the Ministerial Council will examine the British memorandum on China this morning.

The "Matin" expresses the opinion that Britain has made very definite concessions to the Cantonese, and adds "Doubtless Mr. Miles Lampson in his recent conversations with Mr. Eugene Chen proposed that Britain would recognise the Canton Government" provided the Nationalists undertook to abolish Hsin. The Cantonese refused point blank and this the British Government, finding itself unable to achieve anything alone, has urged the other Powers to lend their support.

The "Figaro" says the British policy shows a peaceful, conciliatory spirit. The latest proposals do not come too late, though the "Figaro" expresses the opinion that the Nationalists both in the north and south will probably reject them.—Reuter.

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BRITISH CHEMISTS' SUCCESS.

London, Dec. 12. Thyroxin has been synthesized after years of research by two British chemists. The natural product has been extracted from the thyroid gland and is immensely potent. Half-an-ounce of it will keep a man without thyroid gland normal for 75 years, while the entire human race carry about fifteen tons in their bodies.

Professor Harington, and Professor Barker, working on the coal-tar products of iodine, have now succeeded in imitating the most complicated process going on in the living cell, and have made a momentous step in the progress of bio-chemistry perhaps leading to the synthesis of insulin, which is another secretion of the thyroid gland.

Synthetic thyroxin, tested on human subjects, was found to compete successfully with the natural product hitherto taken from the slaughter house.

HUNTER KILLED.

WOUNDED TIGER'S FIERCE CHARGE.

Calcutta, Dec. 18. While out on shikar in the interior of the Dhanbad district, about 200 miles from Calcutta, Mr. Lewis, an official of the East Indian Railway, was killed by a tiger.

His assistant, Mr. Bathgate, who followed unarmed, was severely maimed. Mr. Lewis fired as soon as the animal was noticed, but though he hit it, it charged at him, knocked him down and killed him and disappeared.

SHOTS AT A GIRL.

ASSAILANT'S REPORTED JEALOUSY.

Madras, Dec. 18. The "Madras Mail" Secunderabad Correspondent telegraphs that a shocking attempt on the life of a European girl of 18, named Miss Duckworth, was made last night by Private Eaton, of the Royal Regiment.

Information gathered from the police shows that Miss Duckworth was employed as a governess by Mrs. Delvin. She was at dinner with Mrs. Delvin and Mrs. McGill at about 9.30 last night when three shots rang out in quick succession from the darkness outside, all the shots hitting the girl. The shots were fired by Private Eaton from a six-chambered revolver.

The motive is said to be jealousy on the part of Private Eaton, who had been engaged to be married to Miss Duckworth, but was subsequently given up.

The girl is in a precarious condition in hospital and Private Eaton has been arrested and handed over to the military police.

MORE LAST YEAR.

LABOUR DISPUTES IN JAPAN.

Tokyo, Dec. 23. The Social Affairs Bureau of the Home Office has published interesting figures relating to labour disputes during the current year, showing a total of 1,050, involving 100,000 workers as compared with last year's 820, involving 90,000.

The main causes are given as demand for increased wages (271); standardisation of wages (118); against decrease of wages (88) and discharge allowances (101).

The chief industry affected was the weaving industry (217), after which comes transport services (79).

The disputes resulted in the following settlements:—Compromise (95 per cent.), strike failures (3 per cent.), strikers' victories (2 per cent.).

FRANCE'S FORTY MILLIONS.

Paris, December 27.—The returns of the recent census have been published. They show that France's total population in 1926 amounts to 40,743,851, including 2,498,230 foreigners.—Reuter.

There will be a Watch Night Service at St. Peter's Church on New Year's Eve, commencing at 11 p.m.

APPLE FIND.

FAMOUS ROSE DIAMOND DISCOVERED.

ROMANTIC INCIDENT.

London, Dec. 20. The Paris correspondent of the "Daily Mail" states that the famous Rose Diamond, one of the most famous gems in the world, which was stolen along with other valuables from the treasure tower of the historic Chateau of Chantilly on October 13, has been discovered in dramatic circumstances.

Paris detectives had been keeping watch for two months on two Alsatiens living in the Hotel Boulevard de Strasbourg, suspecting them of being connected with the Chantilly robbery. They searched their rooms but found no trace of the stolen treasures. On the mantelpiece of one of the rooms, however, was a red pipkin apple of which a chambermaid took a bite and was astonished to find her teeth grate on a hard object.

She opened the apple and found at the core a pink stone, which she thought might be a diamond. She took the apple to the police and the stone was identified. The two Alsatiens were arrested and, both confessed to, having committed the robbery.—Wireless through Reuter.

TRAIN OF DEATH.

THREE HUNDRED COOLIES FROZEN.

AN APPALLING STORY.

Peking, Dec. 20. An appalling story brought to Peking in a consular dispatch from Kalgan tells how three hundred hapless coolies who had been conscripted by the Fengtien soldiery and were being transported to Pingtichuan froze to death to the last man in open railway cars.

The coolies were recently rounded up in the streets of Kalgan and were being sent over the Peking-Suiyang railway. Little or no food was supplied to them and exposed to the blasts of zero weather with insufficient clothing in the open cars all of them perished. They were found dead when the train bearing them arrived at Pingtichuan whereupon order were issued to the train men to take the bodies back to Kalgan.

JOURNALISTS' HOME.

EFFORT TO PROVIDE £50,000 FUND.

London Dec. 13. Viscount Burnham presided, and Lord Birkenhead, Lord Riddell and Major Astor were among other distinguished persons present, at a luncheon in London to inaugurate the movement to form an endowment fund of £50,000 to maintain a home for journalists given as a gift to the Institute of Journalists by Councillor Parkington, of Ipswich, comprising a mansion at Oakhill, East Anglia.

Viscount Burnham, in a speech, said the mansion would be, firstly, a convalescent home for journalists of small means; secondly, a rest house for those who had finished their labours.

Viscount Burnham was not apprehensive of the effect of newspaper amalgamations on the literary staffs of newspapers. Sir L. Worthington Evans suggested that the promoters of amalgamations should set aside a small packet of shares for the benefit of working journalists.

Lord Riddell expressed the opinion that money for the Home might easily be raised by taxing donations of newspapers for the "Benefit of Journalists." All newspaper proprietors might be assessed.

PLAGUE IN NORTH.

Mukden, Dec. 22. Telegraphic advices from Harbin report that the Chinese authorities have established a quarantine station at Manchuli. Examination of railway passengers began yesterday.

Another station has been established at Laping for the examination of other travellers entering Manchuria.

Automobile services and vehicular traffic at Manchuli and in Mongolia have been stopped. An additional quarantine station has been established at Hallar.

Six deaths from plague have been reported from Heilungkiang.

There will be a Watch Night Service at St. Peter's Church on New Year's Eve, commencing at 11 p.m.

K'LOON TRANSPORT

THREE DENNIS BUSES ARRIVE.

LEYLANDS TO COME.

Three of the new motor omnibuses which the three Companies have to provide under the terms of renewal of their licence to convey passengers to and from the ferry in Kowloon arrived yesterday by the s.s. "Hakozaki Maru."

It will be remembered that licences were renewed by the Government on condition that by January, 1927, each of the three Companies had on the road at least three British made buses of a type more suitable to the needs of the peninsula than the present Ford buses. The rest of these Ford buses were to be taken off the service as quickly as possible in the proportion of three for every new British made omnibus.

The three buses arriving yesterday were of the Dennis 30 seater side and rear entrance type and are being assembled by Alex. Ross and Co. for the Kai Tak Motor Bus Company. Owing to the coal strike having delayed shipment, it may not be possible to get the three of them on the roads by New Year but one, at any rate, will be ready.

The other two Companies have ordered Leyland buses, the shipment of which has also been delayed. They have not yet arrived.

RECORDS BURNT.

VICTORIA BARRACKS FIRE.

A fire broke out at Victoria Barracks yesterday afternoon resulting in the whole of the contents of a store room on the ground floor of "B" block being destroyed. These consisted principally of plans and records.

The alarm was given shortly before five o'clock and three engines from the Central fire station were quickly on the spot. Another appliance was sent from Wanchai and the military also brought their own equipment to bear on the flames.

Within an hour, the fire was under control and the Brigade was able to return to the station. The building itself was little damaged but the fire ate its way through a small part of the floor above, occupied by the Medical Officer.

No explanation is forthcoming as to the origin of the fire other than the suggestion that, as the store was used throughout the day, the blaze might have originated by a cigarette and being carelessly thrown down. The electric wiring appeared to be in good order.

SANITARY BOARD.

In reply to Mr. J. P. Braga's questions at the Sanitary Board relating to the installation of water closets, the Chairman (Mr. N. L. Smith) replied as follows:

I am not aware of any general dissatisfaction at the time taken in considering applications for water closets, though I am occasionally asked to investigate the causes of alleged delays. From an examination of a very large number of such applications, I am satisfied that no undue delay ever occurs at the Secretariat of the Board. The Secretary has also a system of periodical reminders which is aimed at the acceleration of papers in process of circulation to members of the Board's Standing Committee.

In notifying applicants of the Board's refusal to allow an installation, the Secretary is bound only by the instructions of the Board's Standing Committee. There is no stereotyped letter of refusal, though I understand that the Standing Committee frequently instructs the Secretary to refuse an application without giving specific reasons. If the Board decides to modify the terms of reference on the composition of this Standing Committee, I consider that this should be the subject of a separate motion.

Dr. Tan remarked that as member of the sub-committee he could say that the Board frequently gave reasons for refusal.

COLONY'S HEALTH.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE OF LAST WEEK.

Last week the following notifiable diseases were reported to the Medical Officer of Health:—

Diphtheria: 2 Chinese cases, 1 from Kowloon and the other from Aberdeen; 1 death.

Enteric fever (typhoid): 2 cases (1 British, 1 Chinese), 1 being from the city and the other from Kowloon; 2 deaths.

Babies: 1 fatal case, that of Gunner Patrick Murphy, R.A., reported from the Shaikwan district.

"NO DOGS OR—"

SPITEFUL OLD SLANDER AGAIN.

WILL IT NEVER DIE?

Thus the "North China Daily News"—A correspondent calls our attention to a letter appearing in the November-December issue of the "Review of Reviews" of London from a Hong Kong Chinese resident in London, in which "the old lie of the notice in the Shanghai Public Gardens 'No dogs or Chinese allowed' is again resurrected." Curiously enough, only a few days before this letter reached us, we had received from Home an article on "The Revolution in China," contributed by H. N. Brailsford to the "New Leader" of November 19 last. The character of the article may be imagined from the general reputation of this writer for using his undoubted talents chiefly to blacken the character of his fellow-countrymen; and further, from his description of Colonel Malone's venomous and lying attack on British policy in the Far East, as "this readable and judicious pamphlet." But what strikes one most is a picture in the middle of the page representing a Chinese being turned back from the Public Gardens by an armed Sikh, who is standing beside a large placard inscribed "No Dogs or Chinese Admitted." The picture is purely imaginary in other respects, besides the supposed placard.

But is the old slander never to be buried? On October 5, 1925, Mr. J. E. Jacobs, American Consul-in-Charge at the time, wrote to the Chairman of the Municipal Council saying that he had received an inquiry from America as to the truth of this slander and asking for any information the Council could supply. To this letter the Secretary of the Council was directed to write as follows:—

In reply, I have the honour to inform you that no such notices are posted in any parks or in any other places under the Council's jurisdiction; furthermore, careful investigation reveals the fact that no such notice has ever appeared in the International Settlement.

For your information, I have pleasure in handing you herewith three photographic reproductions of notices posted in the various parks and gardens. The Council would, accordingly, greatly appreciate it, if when replying to the Dearborn Publishing Company, you would emphatically point out that such statements as these are entirely false, unfounded and unwarrantable and that their publication is strongly objected to by the Council and the Foreign Community of Shanghai.

I have the honour, etc. All this correspondence is to be found in the Municipal Gazette of October 9 last year. Since it appeared, it is only just to say that we have not heard much repetition from Chinese in the Far East, of this false and spiteful slander. One can only the more regret that some of our fellow countrymen are less scrupulous.

LIQUOR POISONING.

Washington, Dec. 28. New York City medical officers recently alleged that the poisoning of nearly a hundred persons, of whom sixteen have hitherto died, is mostly due to the Federal Government's use of wood alcohol in denaturing grain alcohol for industrial purposes. Government chemists state that the Government is not responsible for such deaths, since only two per cent. of wood alcohol, which is not a fatal dose, is employed by them.—Reuter's American Service.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The P. and O. s.s. "Karmala" from Hong Kong arrived Marseilles on Dec. 26, at 6 p.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" arrived at Manila on Dec. 27, at 7 a.m., left that port yesterday at 4 p.m., and is due at Hong Kong to-morrow, at 8 a.m.

The P. and O. s.s. "Mirzapore" left Shanghai for this port on Dec. 26, at 3 p.m., and is due here to-morrow, at about 11 a.m.

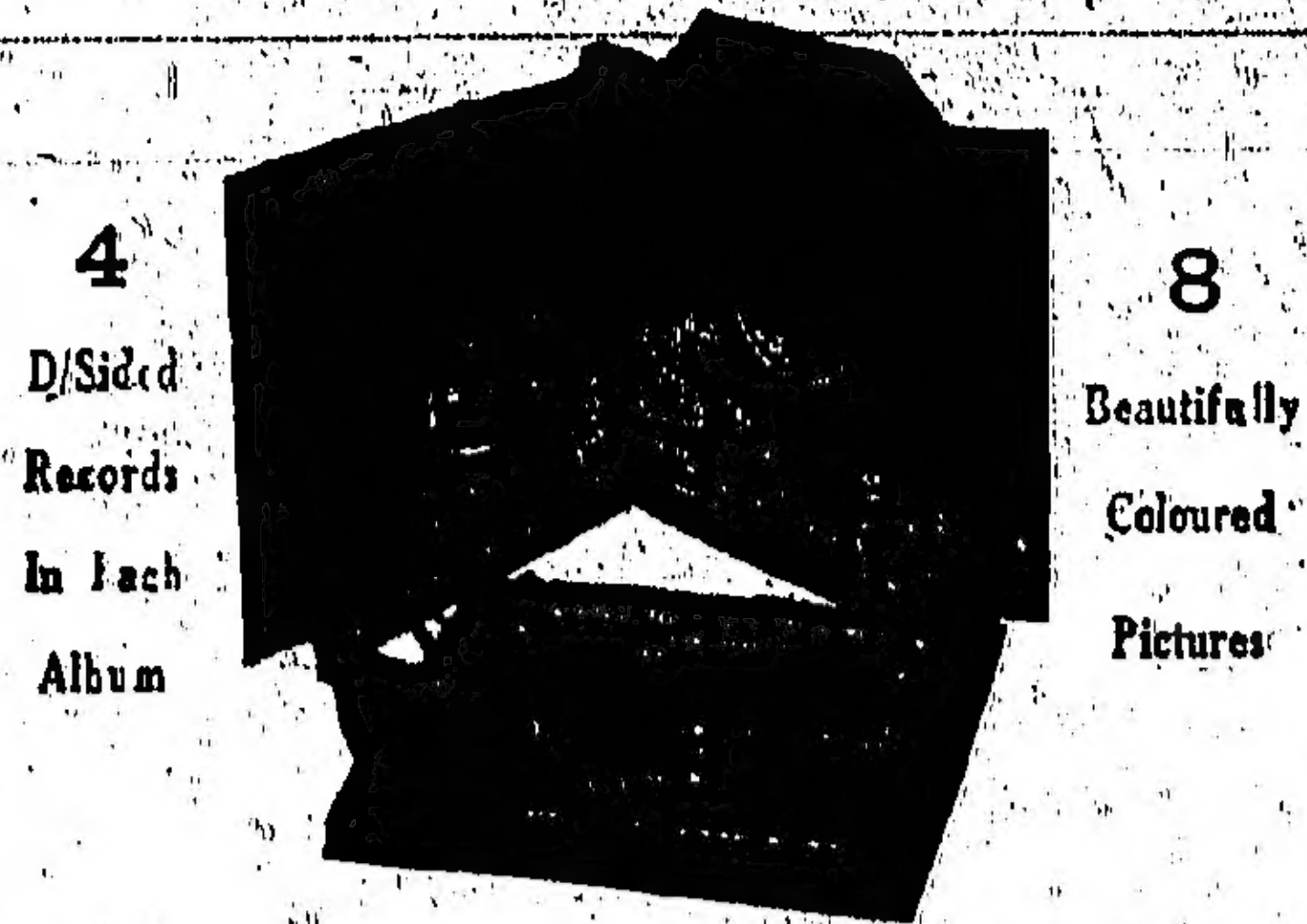
The Ben Line s.s. "Benledi" from Leith, Middlesbrough, Antwerp, London, Straits and Philippines, is due to arrive here on Jan. 1.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" left Vancouver for Hong Kong, via Japan ports and Shanghai, on Dec. 25, and is due here on January 13.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" (Capt. L. D. Douglas, R.N.R., Commander), will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama at noon on Thursday, January 6. She will leave dry dock for a buoy at 4 p.m. to-day, and will proceed alongside Pier No. 5, Kowloon Wharf, on Jan. 3 or Jan. 4. The m.v. "Canton" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.) left Antwerp on December 13, 1926, and is due here on or about January 21, 1927.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

The Panchen Lama has arrived at Mukden from Peking on Dec. 22.—Reuter.

On Tuesday the following notable diseases were reported: one Japanese with enteric fever (typhoid) and one British with puerperal fever. Both patients are from the city district.

Signor Mussolini's daughter, Edda, christened the new Italian motorship "Augustus," of 30,000 tons, on the occasion of its launching at Sestri Ponente. This is the largest motorship in the world.

Charged with driving a motor car at 25 miles an hour from the Dockyard to the Naval Hospital, a Chinese was fined \$12 by Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy yesterday. Sgt. Baker prosecuted on behalf of the Police.

A message from Mukden states that 400 bandits appeared in Fusun prefecture near the Korean frontier on December 17 and looted and set fire to the city. They took the magistrate and chief of police with them as prisoners.

The "China Mail" understands that the Cafe-Restaurant Parisien, which suffered damage through water in connection with the recent fire on the mezzanine floor of Pender Building, has been put in order, and that this popular rendezvous will reopen to the public for business as usual from to-morrow morning.

Trade with the Orient by British Columbia (writes the Vancouver correspondent of the "North China Daily News") is spreading out in many directions. The Shannon family, of the Fraser Valley, the largest agricultural district near Vancouver, and a number of other breeders from that part, are frequently shipping pure-bred dairy cattle to China, while China and Japan are regularly taking many crates of prize poultry from Fraser Valley chicken ranches. The El Bar ranch is shipping pure-bred goats and other best quality stock has been sold to Europeans in China. During the past week Mr. G. H. Miller, of McLellan, also in the Fraser Valley, received a letter from Shanghai, telling him of the safe arrival of one of his pedigree English springer spaniels.

For routing for taxi fares in Pender Street, a Chinese was fined \$5 by Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy yesterday morning.

It has been decided to utilize donations received by the Hong Kong University from well-known Chinese in the F.M.S. for enlarging the scope for Chinese under the Faculty of Arts, taking the study of the language up to the degree stage. Two Chinese readers have been appointed, as well as a translator, and the Rev. H. R. Wallis has agreed to give his services for next year for part-time work. The donations received total \$40,000, of which \$10,000 is being spent on a Chinese library.

PRINCE GEORGE'S CHARLESTON.

Miss Billy Coutts, if we are to judge from a long article in a Vancouver newspaper, appears to have made a decided hit with Prince George's, with whom she travelled home via Canada recently. The article is headed "Shanghai Beauty Charleston's Way Into Prince's Favour." It then goes on to say:

"Billie sailed from Shanghai for her home in England on the 'Empress of Russia.' She had learned the Charleston in between training her race horses and carrying on her many other social engagements. And when she met Prince George, fourth son of King George V and Queen Mary, en route to Canada, her 'Charlestoning' ability won for her the coveted title of favoured friend. She sped out of Vancouver on the same train with His Royal Highness, and also expects to sail from Quebec on the same ship for the Old Country. And if that 'favoured friend' status isn't a real answer to any maiden's prayers, then the Charleston is a real model of grace in things terrestrial."

In the course of the article it states that Miss Coutts and the Prince made each other's acquaintance in Nagasaki, Prince George having learned the Charleston in Hong Kong. The Prince of Wales, if we remember aright, is more up-to-date than his young brother, for he was one of the Charleston's earliest devotees. Local femininity with aspirations to royalty might try learning the St. Louis hop next, remarks the "North China Daily News." One never knows when a stray prince or so will be in the vicinity, and the Charleston is getting out of date.

The "China Mail" has received a striking calendar advertising Allsopp's Pilsener Beer.

The sympathy of the "N.C. Daily News" goes out to the American grandfather of Shanghai who upon asking little Mami, aged six, what Santa Claus was going to bring her this year, received the reply: "Aw gwan, be your age Grandpop. There are times when you get positively childish."

THEOSOPHY will be the subject of this week's Public Lecture of the Hong Kong Lodge of the Theosophical Society (17, Duddell Street, on Thursday, December 30, at 8 p.m. Lecturer, Mr. John Russell, F.T.S. The Public is cordially invited to attend. Theosophical Literature for sale. Good Library.

The belief that green is an unlucky colour is not shared by members of the Royal Family. Both the Queen and Princess Mary, in their shopping expeditions in preparation for Christmas, show a distinct preference for green-coloured articles. In fact, handiwork workers and others who number the Queen and her daughter among their regular customers, specially make articles in green. Among the purchases made by Princess Mary during the last few days were a pair of green lacquer book stops.

One of the best stories told about the Prince of Wales appears in Major F. E. Verney's character study of "H.R.H." (Hodder & Stoughton, 20s.). It was during the South African tour and a girl who was looking particularly forlorn at a dance at Port Elizabeth attracted the Prince's attention. "Good evening," said the Prince, "Aren't you dancing to-night?" The girl replied that she hardly knew anyone present, and belonged to a theatrical touring company. She had been on the stage since she was seven. "I get rather tired of it sometimes," I can sympathize with you," said the Prince, "for I'm on the stage too, in a way. I've been a showman all my life. Will you have this dance with me?" At the end of the dance the Prince said to his partner: "If it is any help to you in your job you have my permission in future to say that you are, under the patronage of the Prince of Wales."

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Prince Henry was reported in mail week to be making very satisfactory progress after the operation for the removal of his tonsils.

Mr. M. F. Key, secretary to the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, came back to the Colony yesterday on the "Hakozaki Maru" after spending long leave at home.

Sir Sou-sun Chow, Chairman of directors of the Bank of East Asia, arrived in Shanghai by the a.s. "President McKinley," together with Kan Toppo, Chief Manager of the same bank.

Mr. B. Wyllie, general manager of the "South China Morning Post," Ltd., accompanied by Mrs. Wyllie and Miss H. W. Wyllie, were passengers on the "Hakozaki Maru" which arrived here yesterday from Home.

A "North China Daily News" message from Kobe reports that Capt. Percy Watson, managing director of Messrs. Nickel and Lyons, a well-known figure throughout the Far East, died on December 23 in the International Hospital from heart failure.

The Rev. J. G. Knight Anstey, the new minister at the Wanchai Wesleyan Church was given a cordial welcome at the "Sailors' and Soldiers' Home" last night. The Rev. H. S. P. Rossiter, in welcoming the new minister, referred to the splendid work Mr. Anstey had done in India and the Home circuits.

There is no doubt that the "fat" Charleston is taking London ballrooms by storm. There are still those who learned the dance before the kick was taken out of it who complain that they cannot keep their heels on the floor, but that is a matter of time and practice. The appeal of the new Charleston is that it provides just the change that was wanted from the ungainly shuffle into which the foxrots and one-steps are degenerating. Those who have been in the first winter dances of the London Scottish Societies lead one to understand that the Scots are shy about essaying the Charleston.

Count K. Otani was a passenger on the "Hakozaki Maru" which arrived yesterday from London, via Singapore.

On board the "President Jefferson" which arrived here today from Manila is Mr. Emil Greuter, who is travelling to Europe.

Miss R. E. J. Atkins arrived in Hong Kong today on the "President Jefferson" from Manila. After a short stay in the Colony she will go on to America.

It comes as a surprise to see how "grown-up" is Princess Mary's elder son, George Lascelles (says a "Star" writer). Ambrose McEvoy's portrait of him at the Royal Society of Portrait Painters at Burlington House shows a tall, slim little boy, instead of the sturdy baby in crawlers of whom we have been accustomed to think. The costume of the new portrait—plain white knickerbockers and a frilled white silk blouse, white socks and black patent shoes—will certainly become the standard "best" suit for all the little boys of his age.

KOWLOON WEDDING.

The Rosary Church, Kowloon, was the scene of a pretty wedding on Monday, the parties being Miss A. M. C. Botelho, of Kowloon, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Botelho, and Mr. C. I. da Rosa, of Messrs. Dodwell and Co., Ltd. The Rev. Father Spada officiated.

The bride was charmingly attired in white satin, trimmed with silk shadow lace, and carried a bouquet of tea roses. She was given away by Mr. Botelho, her brother. The Misses Carvalho were bridesmaids, and they wore dresses of pale green crepe de chine with silver lace and hats of ermine to match. Leonilda de Luz and Aurora Gill were flower girls and Roland Soares was page boy. Mr. E. J. de Rozario was "best man" and Mr. F. X. Soares, groomsmen. Following the ceremony, a reception was held at No. 299, Nathan Road, after which the bride and bridegroom left for Macao, where the honeymoon is being spent. The bride's going-away costume was of peacock blue georgette with trimmings and also a hat to match.

Mr. S. T. Butlin of Messrs. Linstead and Davis, accountants, returned to the Colony yesterday from Home leave on the N.Y.K. "Hakozaki Maru."

Wife of the Quartermaster of the American Navy at Manila, Mrs. Lillian F. Chapman is on board the "President Jefferson" which arrived here today from Manila. She is bound for Seattle.

A director of the Westinghouse Electric Co., Mr. L. F. Baker is passing through Hong Kong from Manila to Tokyo, his business headquarters. Accompanied by Mrs. Baker and Miss Helen Baker, he is travelling on the "President Jefferson."

On the Admiral Line "President Jefferson" which arrived today from Manila were Lt. Comdr. T. J. Doyle, U.S.N., and Mrs. and Master Doyle. They are going on to Shanghai where they will stay for some time before proceeding to San Francisco.

Several transfers in the American Navy have been made, a number of those concerned arriving in Hong Kong on the "President Jefferson" from Manila to join the South China Patrol of the United States Fleet. These include Mr. Jose del Carmen (and his family), Mr. A. J. Connolly, Mr. Stenwall, J. Rowe and Mr. Gray Westbrooke. Lt. C. D. Libenow is on the same ship, en route for Yokohama.

Prince Henry promises to be one of the best shots in the Royal Family (remarks an "Evening Standard" writer). He is displaying greater enthusiasm for the sport than either the Prince of Wales or the Duke of York. The Prince of Wales takes no great interest in shooting small game but he is keen enough on big game hunting. The Duke of York, it will be recalled, shot an elephant in Kenya, and the Duchess accounted for a red buffalo. The Duke does not care very much for the butts, preferring, like his elder brother, to follow hounds. The Duke of York has done more hunting than usual this season.

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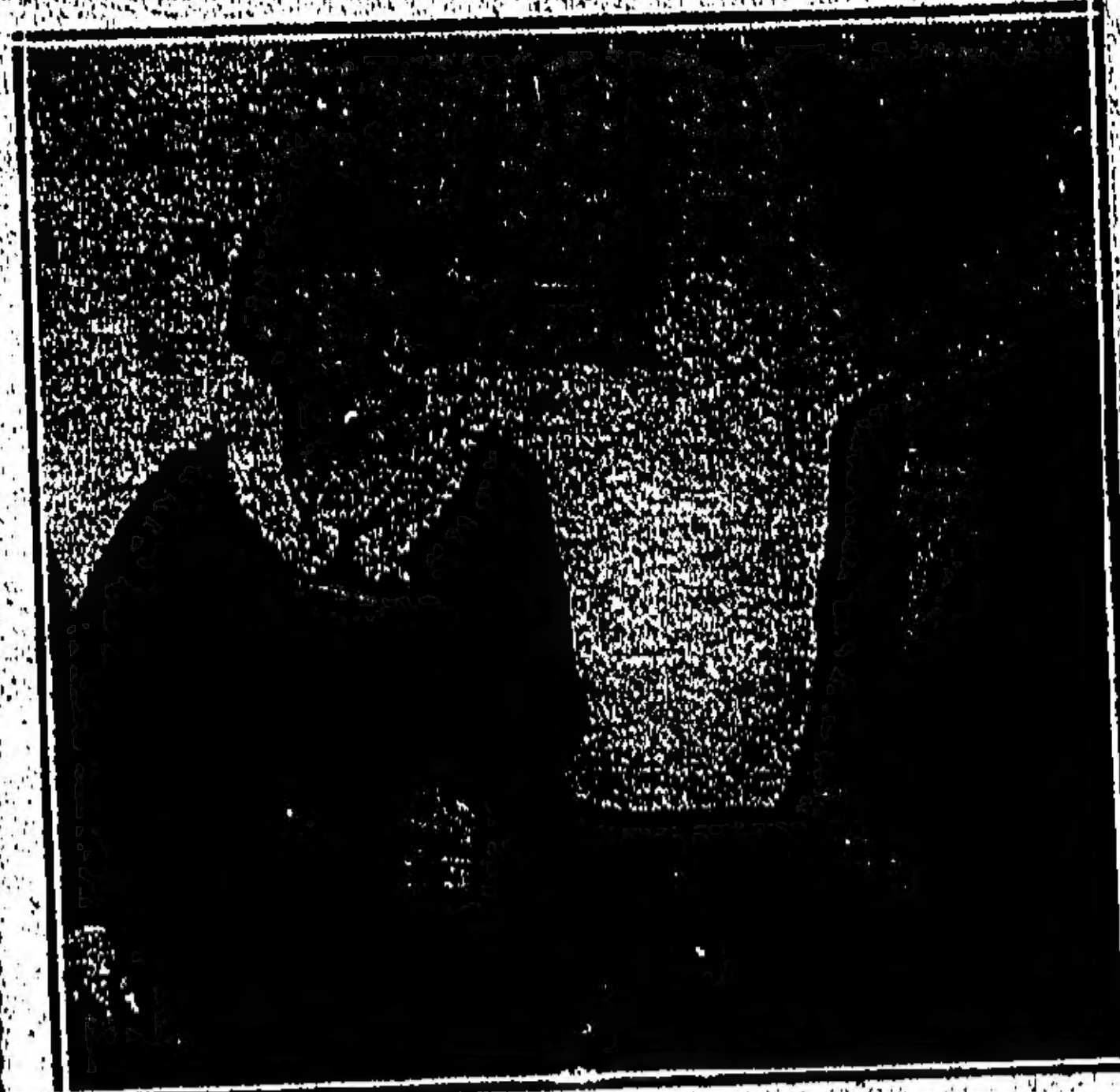
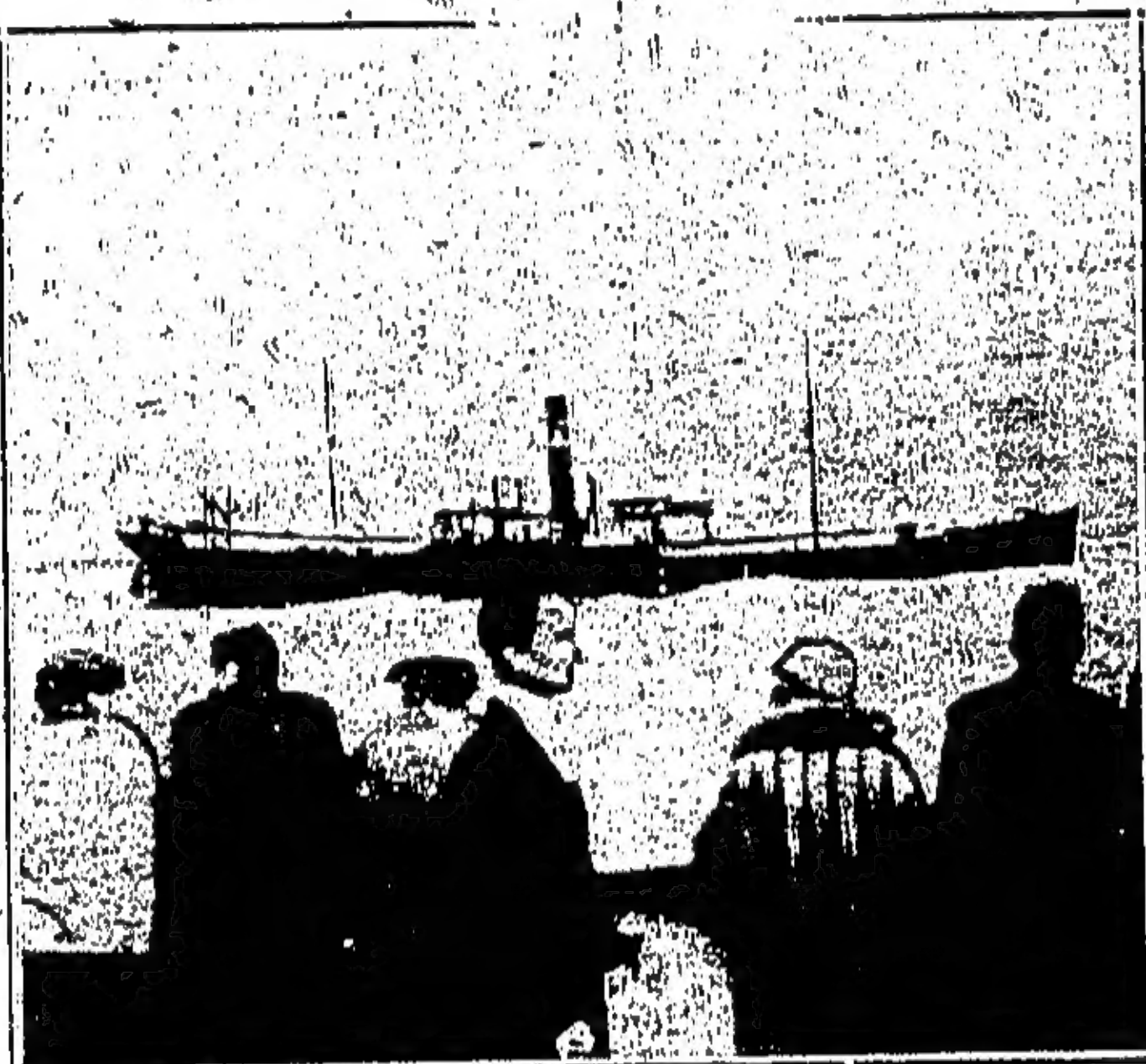
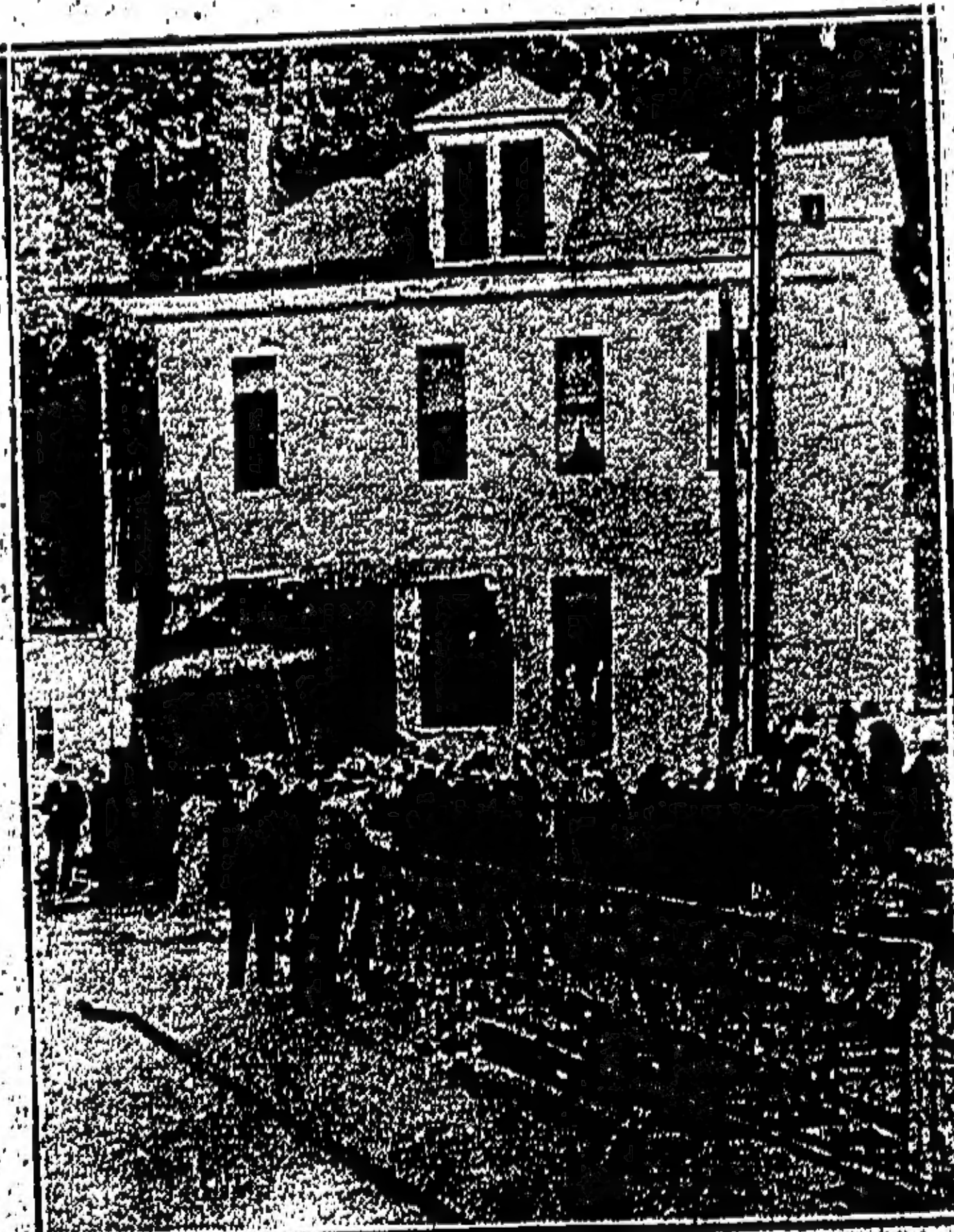
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Princess Astrid, niece of the King of Sweden, who recently mar-
ried Prince Leopold of Belgium (inset).Senorita Raquel Meller, the famous
Spanish singer.This is a hitherto unpublished photograph of Mrs. Woodrow
Wilson, shown in conversation with Jan Masaryk, President of
Czechoslovakia, during her visit there.Passengers on the "Olympic" watched the Italian steamer
"Ellena," struck by a Glasgow ship, slowly sink in the Atlantic.
The crew was rescued.Pauline Sender, youngest member
of the German Reichstag.This queue of French citizens were waiting to get into a Paris
bank to exchange their gold savings for paper to help to stabilise
the franc.Two persons were killed and seven persons were injured when
this car jumped a curve and ran into a store.Patrick Cardinal Hayes is shown
at the dedication of the new Knights
of Columbus building in New York.

FIDEL LA BARBA



PROF. E. B. FROST



POLA NEGRI



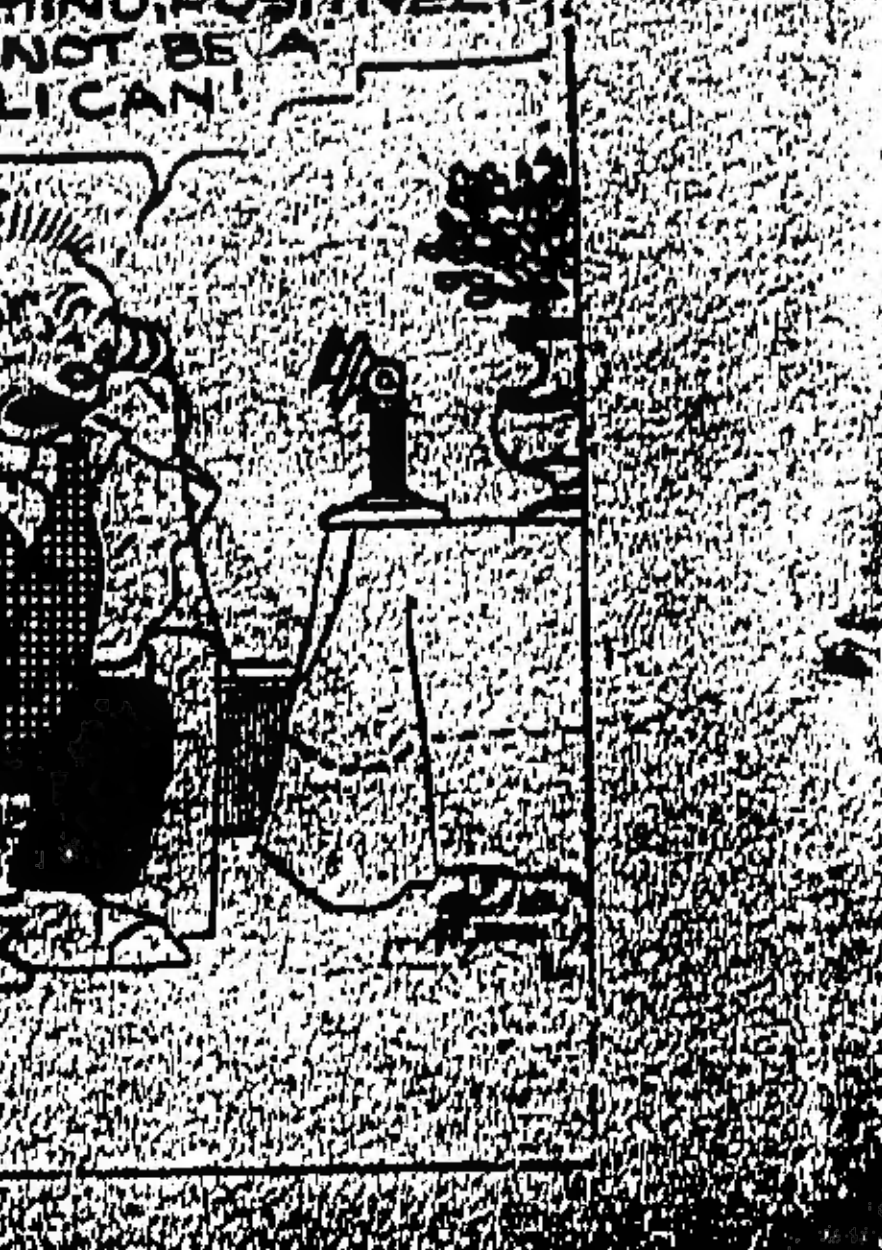
SID FOSTER

Fidel La Barba, world flyweight champion, announces that he
will quit the ring to enter Stanford University. Professor E. B.
Frost is in charge of the Yerkes Observatory where new discoveries
were made about the planet Mars. A German firm sued Pola Negri
for \$17,000, alleged to be due on an emerald. Sidney Foster pro-
secuted the murder charge against Charles Wise (18), at Monticello.

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SPORTS SECTION

HOME SOCCER.

LEAGUE MATCHES OF YESTERDAY.

2 AWAY VICTORIES.

Results of matches played to-day in the principal football leagues (home teams given first) were:—

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.
Aston Villa 5, Leeds 1.
Derby 3, West Ham 0.
Liverpool 3, Bolton 2.
Wednesday 3, Tottenham 1.
Division II.
Barnsley 5, Fulham 0.
Div. III (South).
Bristol Rovers 3, Exeter 1.
Northampton 2, Luton 1.
Coventry 1, Swindon 3.
Watford 2, Millwall 4.

—Reuter.

SHEFFIELD SHIELD.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA BEAT VICTORIA.

TWO WICKETS VICTORY.

London, Dec. 18.
In the Sheffield Shield cricket, South Australia beat Victoria at Adelaide by two wickets.
Scores:—
Victoria (1st innings) 315 runs. Ponsford 214; Williams 6 for 88.
South Australia (1st) 481 runs. V. Richardson 137; Schneider 69; Rymill 142; Blackie 7 for 159.
Victoria (2nd) 430 runs. Ponsford 54; Hendry 177; Woodfull 34; Williams 6 for 146.
South Australia (2nd) 267 runs for 8 wickets. V. Richardson 92; Rayson 4 for 74.

HOME RUGBY SPLIT.

SOMERSET—BATH DISPUTE SETTLED.

London, Dec. 11.
The rugby dispute between Bath Club and the Somerset Rugby Union has been settled.
The Somerset Union notified Bath that their rule not allowing Pitman to play was obsolete and had been withdrawn.

[Note: The Somerset Rugby Union refused to allow I. J. Pitman, the international three-quarter, to play for Bath, his own club, on the 27th ultimo, because he was unable to assist Somerset against Gloucestershire, although chosen.]

ANOTHER CENTURY.

In an all-day cricket match at Farnham on Monday, Walker of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps scored 107 and took 3 wickets for 70 runs. His side beat the University 2nd XI in a "friendly" by 25 runs. Scores:—
R.A.O.C. 211 runs. Pte. Lake 39, Walker 107, Roberts 32. B. N. Sudan 4 for 44. F. Hiptoola 1 for 40. E. Zimmern 1 for 22. C. K. Ong 2 for 37.
Varsity 2nd XI 186 runs. E. Zimmern 30, S. Kermann 37, F. Hiptoola 33, R. Chan Wah 19, B. N. Sudan 19, Lake 5 for 68, Burger 2 for 41, Walker 3 for 70.

ENGLAND'S SOCCER "CAPS."

England's amateur "soccer" team which lost to Scotland at Leicester on Dec. 18 was chosen as follows:—
Russell (Cambridge University).
Sergeant Twine (Army) and Gregory (Wimbledon).
Fairbrother (Northern Nomads), Bryant (Millwall) and Ewer (Corinthians).
Jenkins (Oxford University), Kail (Dulwich Hamlet), Gibbins (West Ham), Lowe (Cambridge University), and Lieut. Hegan (Army).

THE "VINDICTIVE" CUP.

The "Vindictive" Cup, competed for by H.M.S. "Despatch," H.M.S. "Keppel" and Shanghai amateur boxers, was won last week at Shanghai by the "Despatch" whose men secured four championships out of six events. At the conclusion, Maj. E. H. McMichael, chairman of the Shanghai Amateur Boxing Association, presented the Cup to Capt. La Mott, H.M.S. "Despatch."

Lord Woolavington's colt, Apple Cross won the Hurst Park Great Two-Year-Old Stakes.

HOME RUGGER.

LATEST RESULTS AHEAD OF THE MAIL.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP.

Results of matches played to-day under rugby-union rules are as follow:—
Cornwall 18, Gloucestershire 3 (at Camborne).
Durham 10, Cheshire 24 (at Hartlepool).
Blackheath 18, Leicester 6.
Bridgwater 3, Plymouth 0.
Bristol 26, London Irish 5.
Coventry 19, London Welsh 21.
Gloucester 10, Cheltenham 5.
Newport 21, Old Blues 3.
Old Merchant Taylors 12, Harlequins 5.
Richmond 16, Bath 8.
Bridgend 3, Cross Keys 18.
Jed Forest 6, Edinburgh Academicals 5.
Selkirk 14, Edinburgh Institute 12.
Edinburgh University 8, Glasgow High School 0.
West Scotland 0, Edinburgh Wanderers 16.
Heriotstown 13, Royal High School 9.
Watsonians 22, Kelvinside 0.
Aberavon 8, Guy's Hospital 5.
Llanelli 6, Cardiff 3.
Portsmouth Services 9, Roissy Park 18.
Swansea 13, Penarth 11.
Maoris Success.
London, Dec. 12.
Toulouse.—The Maoris beat a selected Pyrenees team by 9 points to 8.

BISHOP AT GOLF.



His Lordship the Bishop of London while playing a round of golf.

RUGGER BLUES.

CAMBRIDGE AND OXFORD FIFTEENS.

The rival Blues, who were selected for the annual "Varsity" rugby match which Cambridge won on Dec. 14 were:—
Oxford.
F. Sragg (Pembroke).
E. Taylor (Trinity), R. Byers (Trinity), H. Caccia (Trinity), and M. McCanlis (St. Edmund Hall).
J. Nunn (New College) and N. MacDonald (Trinity).
G. Abell (Corpus), D. Landale (Balliol), W. Berkeley (Hertford), W. Roughton (Oriel), A. Heppenstall (Wadham), T. Gubb (University), J. Edminston (Brasenose) and D. Dryburgh (Oriel).
Cambridge.
A. Arvold (Emmanuel).
W. Taylor (Trinity), A. Hamilton Smythe (Trinity), W. Morgan (St. Catherine's) and Rowe Harding (Pembroke).
Windsor Lewis (Pembroke) and W. Sobey (St. John's).
C. Barlow (Caius), E. Gibson (Trinity), A. Allen (Caius), G. Hamilton (Caius), J. Smith (Trinity), A. Williams (Caius), G. McIlwaine (Selwyn) and G. Coghlan (Clare).

Although declaring to win with Innendo, Mr. Reid Walker won the Derby Cup with his other horse, Invershin, which started at 40 to 1 against.

"GOB'S" VICTORY.

HEAVYWEIGHT BOXING CHAMPION.

BOUT AT MANILA.

Manila, Dec. 23.
Tiny Debold, a United States Navy boxer became the undisputed heavyweight champion of the Orient to-night when he "knocked the title ambitions of the boxer Alkonzo into a coked hat" before a house of some 2,000 "fans" that crowded the Camp Nichols "Cigar Box" last night.—"China Press."
[Note: There is no official body to award boxing championships "for the Orient."]

VARSITY TENNIS.

"PAST" TEAM DEFEAT "PRESENT."

Including in their team, Ng Sze-kwong (ex-open champion of the Colony) and several other leading players, "Past" beat "Present" yesterday in the first annual lawn tennis match of the University.
The match, on league (doubles) basis, was played at Pokfulam, the "Past" winning by 9 games.
Scores:—
Ng Sze-kwong and Ng Sze-cheung (Past) 6-5
Lost to A. A. Rumjahn and Prof. R. E. Tottenham 6-5
Beat Prof. F. A. Redmond and Prof. L. Forster 6-5
Beat H. C. Hung and Lu Tak-cheuk 9-2
20-13
Yew Man-tsun and W. Lock Wei (Past) 20-13
Beat A. A. Rumjahn and Prof. R. E. Tottenham 6-5
Beat Prof. F. A. Redmond and Prof. L. Forster 9-2
Beat H. C. Hung and Lu Tak-cheuk 8-3
23-10
H. C. Hunt and W. M. Gittens (Past) 23-10
Lost to A. A. Rumjahn and Prof. R. E. Tottenham 3-8
Lost to Prof. F. A. Redmond and Prof. L. Forster 3-8
Lost to H. C. Hung and Lu Tak-cheuk 5-6
11-22
Total: Past 54 games. Present 45 games.

FANLING HUNT.

BOXING DAY PAPER CHASE RESULT.

Over a distance of 8 miles, the paper chase on Boxing Day arranged for the Fanling Hunt by Mrs. R. J. Paterson who presented a Cup, drew a field of 34 and Mr. W. T. Stanton won on Reynolds.
The time was 1 hour, 4 minutes. There were a number of spills and the chase was full of excitement. Next in order to finish were:—Mr. L. Reidy's Mowgli, Mr. Fyn's Two Fairs, Capt. Browne's Bertram, Mr. A. H. Potts' Craigavad, Mr. Wallace's Charlie, Mr. H. C. Macnamara's Benjamin, Mr. McIntyre's Dorian.
Craigavad led for most of the journey but lost ground near the end by failing to turn.
Among the spectators were the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. and Mrs. Wolfe, Mr. R. M. Dyer, Mr. and Mrs. R. Mien Austin, Mrs. L. J. Comyn and Miss Mahony.
The First "Kill."
The shrubbery at the back of Sousa's bungalow was drawn on Christmas morning and the hounds of the Fanling Hunt registered their first kill after a run of about a mile down the valley.
Mr. A. H. Potts had charge and Mr. J. K. Bousfield and Dr. J. C. Macgown were the whips.
Dr. Macgown removed the brush, mask and pads and after the usual ceremony, the brush was presented to Mrs. R. J. Paterson who was the first lady up. The mask is to hang on the walls of the Hunters' Arms.

FANLING GOLF.

HOLIDAY COMPETITION RESULTS.

Results of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club Christmas holiday competitions at Fanling were announced late yesterday afternoon.
There were 78 entries in the Edgey Pool: R. E. Greensmith (handicap 13) and H. R. Cleland returned cards of 2 down each and divide the pool. A. H. Ferguson, H. D. Ireland, A. K. Mackenzie, A. D. Humphreys and Lt. Comdr. Farr all returned 4 down.
There were only five entries for the special medal round on Sunday and no card was returned.
Subject to confirmation of handicap, T. S. and Mrs. Whyte Smith and A. B. Raworth and Miss Robinson—each pair with scores of 5 up—tied in the Mixed Bogey in which there were 25 entries.

GOOD DAYS WORK.

PHIL SCOTT'S SUCCESSIVE CONTESTS.

2 WINS IN 6 ROUNDS.

London, Dec. 12.
At Premierland, London, Phil Scott took on an Italian, Armando De Carolis, and a Frenchman, Syblo, in successive ten-round boxing contests without leaving the ring.
Carolis was disqualified in the fourth round for a foul.
Syblo was knocked out in the second round.
It may be recalled that Scott, in August of last year, took on three opponents in a week and out-pointed the lot.

SCHOOL SPORTS.

E. K. INDIAN BOYS' ANNUAL MEETING.

Mrs. J. Ralston, wife of the headmaster, distributed the prizes yesterday at the conclusion of the fifth annual athletic sports of the Ellis Kadoorie School for Indians, held on the Indian R.C. ground at Scoompooc.
Dost Mohamed won Mr. U. Rumjahn's challenge cup with 8 points, S. M. Rumjahn being runner-up with 7. Results:—
High Jump (senior).—1st, Dost Mohamed; 2nd, Hari Singh; 3rd, S. M. Rumjahn.
High Jump (junior).—1st, A. K. Sufiad; 2nd, H. Ahmed and M. Rahman.
Three-Legged Race (senior).—1st, S. Hassan and L. R. Marker; 2nd, Obedullah and A. Bachoo.
Three-Legged Race (junior).—1st, M. Rahman and S. Yusuf; 2nd, O. R. Sadick and A. K. Sufiad.
100 yards (senior). School Challenge Cup.—1st, S. Hassan; 2nd, Hari Singh.
100 yards (junior).—1st, H. Ahmed; 2nd, O. R. Sadick.

MONKEY-FLESH.

SHOULD LOCAL TRAFFIC BE STOPPED?

SANITARY BOARD QUESTIONS.
In putting his questions regarding the sale of monkey-flesh in Hong Kong at the Sanitary Board meeting yesterday, Mr. J. P. Braga said that he had been asked to bring the matter up by certain Chinese members of the community. He understood that there was a sentimental objection to the killing of monkeys for food. It had also been represented to him that the very idea was repugnant to the susceptibilities of certain people who claimed that their objections merited consideration.
Mr. Braga then read a translation of an advertisement which appeared in a local Chinese newspaper announcing the sale of monkey-flesh for medicinal purposes and claiming certain virtues for such flesh.
Tonic Virtues?
The advertisement is in the following terms:
"Shop Name, meaning, Gem of Health-Preservation."
Those who wish to preserve and strengthen their bodies please note.
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Various kinds of prepared bird food; too many to be enumerated. Purchase welcomed. Can be delivered to the house. Please try. Large quantities of snakes, foxes, and strange birds, newly arrived, for sale.
(Shop Name).
Hollywood Road."
The Chairman (Mr. N. L. Smith) said that neither the Medical Officer of Health nor the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon saw any objection to the traffic on hygienic grounds and provided that the purchaser knew what he was buying. The sale of such meat in the markets was prohibited.
As regards Mr. Braga's request for the introduction of a bye-law prohibiting such sale, it would appear to be impossible to prohibit the sale of this meat by a bye-law made under section 16 (32) of the Public Health and Building Ordinance unless it was proved that no such meat could be wholesome. Special legislation would accordingly be necessary and he was instructed to say that the Government would give full consideration to any recommendation made by the Board on this subject.

Dr. To's Views.
The opinions of Chinese members having been asked, Dr. To said that every community had its own particular tastes. Some liked to eat snakes. He would hardly call monkey food as fit for general human consumption, and he did not think there was a shop that sold it openly. The demand for this particular flesh was very small indeed and only a few individuals with peculiar tastes consumed it. Chinese, generally, abhorred eating food of this kind. He was afraid that they could not legislate for the peculiarities of people's tastes. What monkey food was eaten, was taken quite secretly. He would like to make it clear that it was not one of the staple foods of the Chinese. The majority of the Chinese were entirely against the taking of this kind of food and he was personally very strongly opposed to it, but he did not see how they could legislate on sentiment. It was on very rare occasions that they saw an advertisement like Mr. Braga had produced. He quite agreed that the whole thing was disgusting, but at the same time he assured them that very few Chinese indeed had acquired the taste.
Mr. Braga, replying to Dr. To's said that the sale of such flesh ceased to be secret when it was advertised in a prominent and he might say, inviting, manner in a public newspaper circulating in the Colony. Monkey flesh was sold in fair quantities in Hollywood Road and the locality. It might also be a factor worthy of consideration that Buddhists had a particular dislike to monkey-flesh being advertised for sale.
Matter For S.C.A.?
The Chairman said it seemed to him that two points emerged. One was that people who ate monkey flesh did not do so as an alternative to a pork diet, but as a special form of tonic or medicine to give them certain warlike virtues. The second point was that the only objections raised were sentimental objections, and he hardly thought it was for the Board to consider a question of sentiment. The obvious channel for any objection to this particular traffic, seemed to him through the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, and it would be carefully considered no doubt by the Government after taking the best Chinese advice on the subject. He did not think the Board should go any further in the matter, although it was perfectly open for any member to table a motion.
Dr. To remarked that if he remembered rightly the question had already been before the Secretary for Chinese Affairs.
Mr. Braga thought it would do good to draw public attention to the matter. Although he kept in pretty close touch with things generally in the Colony, he was not aware that representations had been made to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs on this subject. The discussion then dropped.

Sack Race (senior).—1st, A. Hassan; 2nd, A. R. Abbas.
Sack Race (junior).—1st, M. Rahman; 2nd, R. Kitchell.
220 yards Race (senior). Challenge Cup.—1st, S. M. Rumjahn; 2nd, S. Hassan.
220 yards Race (junior).—1st, O. R. Sadick; 2nd, H. Ahmed.
Throwing the cricket ball.—1st, A. M. Rumjahn; 2nd, Dost Mohamed.
Class 8 Race.—1st, A. B. Hassan; 2nd, Jernail Singh.
Half mile (senior). Fred Ellis Challenge Cup.—1st, Dost Mohamed; 2nd, S. M. Rumjahn.
Quarter mile (junior). Wing on Challenge Cup.—1st, H. Ahmed; 2nd, M. Rahman.
Class 7 Race.—1st, Dawood Ali; 2nd, A. R. Razack.
Arthmetical Race.—1st, S. M. Rumjahn; 2nd, Amir Shih.
Masters' Race.—Mr. Fung Pak One mile, Ellis Kadoorie Cup.—1st, A. K. Karamet; 2nd, Farzhan Singh.
Old boys' Race, half mile.—1st, M. Ismail; 2nd, O. M. Omar.
Consolation Race.—Hari Singh.

NEW YEAR DAY'S RACE.

Following an idea from Shanghai, there will be a flat race for non-winning ponies, on a distance handicap, at the racecourse, at 11 a.m. on New Year's Day for the Hong Kong Jockey Club.
It is, of course, an unofficial meeting and not intended for the public.
Entries should be sent at once to Mr. W. T. Stanton or Mr. E. A. Brodie.
A cup has been presented by an anonymous donor.

The death is announced in the "Times" of Mr. J. S. Worthington, a well-known amateur golfer, who not only represented England against Scotland in 1906, but won the Irish Amateur Championship in 1904.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 29, 1926, 10.30 a.m.

Name	Hongkong Stock Exchange	Hongkong Sharebrokers' Association	Settlement Share & Bond Society
T.T. on London	1/11 3/4	1/11 3/4	1/11 3/4
T.T. on Shanghai	8 3/4	8 3/4	nom.
Hongkong Bank	1110 1/2	1120	1125 1/2
do. London	1115	n	1124 1/2
Chartered Bank	221	n	221
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	232	n	232
do. C.	213 1/2	n	213 1/2
P. & O. Bank	494	n	510
Bank of East Asia	84	n	80
Marine Insurance	640	n	650
Canton Insurance	1.45	n	1.30
China Underwriters	1745	n	140
North China Insurance	200	n	200
Union Insurance	245 M. n	n	40
Yangtze Insurance	200	b	200
Fire Insurance	615	b	615
China Fire Insurance	200	b	200
H.K. Fire Insurance	615	b	615
Shipping	28 1/2	b	28 1/2
Douglases	26	n	26
Hongkong Steamboats	134	n	134
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	32	n	30
Indo-China (Prof)	42	b	40
do. (Def.)	57	n	57
Shell Transports	15 1/2	b	15
Star Ferries	36	n	36
Waterboats	25	n	25
Refineries	25	n	25
China Sugars	36	n	36
Malayan Sugars	35	n	35
Mining	1.40	n	1.40
Benguet	42 1/2	n	42 1/2
Kailan Mining Ad.	24 1/2	n	24 1/2
Langkats (Combined)	13	n	13
do. (Single)	5	n	5
Shanghai Exploration	18	n	18
Shanghai Loan	45 1/2	n	45 1/2
Raubs	21 1/2	b	21 1/2
Tromoh Mines	8 1/2	n	8 1/2
Ural Caspian	115	n	115
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.	45	n	45
H.K. & K. Wharves	110	n	110
H.K. & W. Docks	40 1/2	n	40 1/2
Hongkows	170	n	170
New Engineering	5.40	n	5.40
Shanghai Docks	111 1/2	n	111 1/2
Land, Hotels & Bldgs.	0	n	0
H.K. & S. Hotels	5 1/2	n	5 1/2
Hongkong Lands	6.15	b	6.15
Hongkong Realty	3	n	3
H.K. Territorial	14 1/2	n	14 1/2
Humphreys Estates	80	n	80
Prince's Building	1 1/2	n	1 1/2
Rural Lands	78 1/2	b	78 1/2
Cotton Mills	2 1/2	n	2 1/2
Eyo Cottons	2 1/2	n	2 1/2
Oriental	2 1/2	n	2 1/2
Shanghai Cottons (old)	2 1/2	n	2 1/2
do. (new)	2 1/2	n	2 1/2
Miscellaneous	5	n	5
Cement (comb.)	10	n	10
do. (old)	0	n	0
do. (new)	2	n	2
China Buses	164	n	164
China Lights (comb.)	13	n	13
do. (old)	94	n	94
do. (new)	54	n	54
China Prov.	184	n	184
Dairy Farms	6	n	6
Der A. Wing	16	n	16
Hongkong Amusements	1.90	b	1.90
H.K. Constructions	57 1/2	n	57 1/2
Hongkong Electric	10	n	10
H.K. Ropes (comb.)	21 1/2	n	21 1/2
do. (old)	5	n	5
do. (new)	21 1/2	n	21 1/2
Hongkong Tramways	8	n	8
Lane, Crawford	35	n	35
Macao Electric	19 1/2	n	19 1/2
Mackintosh	15 1/2	b	15 1/2
Nanyang Tobaccos	7 1/2	n	7 1/2
Peak Trams (old)	9	n	9
do. (new)	8	n	8
Sinceres	0.10	b	0.10
Singapore Trams	15 1/2	n	15 1/2
Taxis	2	n	2
United Asbestos	20	n	20
do. (Founders)	13	n	13
do. (Ordinary)	6 1/2	n	6 1/2
Watsons	34	n	34
Wm. Powells	5	n	5
H.K. Telephones	3.40	n	3.40

EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, 29th December 1926.	
On London	1/11 3/4
Bank, Wire	1/11 3/4
On demand	1/11 3/4
30 days sight	1/11 3/4
4 months sight	1/11 3/4
Credit, 4 months sight	1/11 3/4
Documentary, 4 months sight	1/11 3/4
On Paris	118
On demand	118
Credit, 4 months sight	118
On Berlin	nom.
On demand	nom.
On New York	45
On demand	45
Credit, 60 days sight	45
On Bombay	182 1/2
On demand	182 1/2
On Calcutta	110
On demand	110
On Singapore	80
On demand	80
On Shanghai	8 3/4
On demand	8 3/4
30 days sight (private paper)	8 3/4
On Yokohama	14 1/2
On demand	14 1/2
3 months sight	14 1/2
4 months sight	14 1/2
5 months sight	14 1/2
6 months sight	14 1/2
7 months sight	14 1/2
8 months sight	14 1/2
9 months sight	14 1/2
12 months sight	14 1/2

LONDON EXCHANGE.

Bagby, December 29		
Paris	000 000 000	12 1/2
New York	000 000 000	4.85
Brussels	000 000 000	54.00
Geneva	000 000 000	50.00
Amsterdam	000 100 000	13.12 1/2
Milan	000 000 000	10 1/2
Berlin	000 000 000	30.87
Stockholm	000 000 000	18.15
Copenhagen	000 000 000	15.15
Oslo	000 000 000	15.10
Vienna	000 250 000	34.40
Frankfurt	000 100 000	18.84
Hamburg	000 000 000	13.50
Madrid	000 000 000	21.27
Lisbon	000 000 000	8 1/2 1/2
Rio	000 000 000	27.00
San Francisco	000 000 000	49 1/2 1/2
Sankey	000 000 000	1 1/2 1/2
Hankow	000 000 000	5 1/2
Tientsin	000 000 000	1 1/2
Yokohama	000 000 000	10 1/2 1/2
Silver Spot	000 000 000	18.15
Forward	000 000 000	34 1/2

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During October the cost of living at home increased from 74 p.c. to 79 p.c. above that of July, 1914.

Damage estimated at \$10,000 was caused by a fire at Southend-on-Sea. A cinema and an adjoining billiard hall were destroyed.

While uprooting a tree a Trento (Italy) woodcutter struck a grenade hidden in the ground, he and eleven companions being killed by the resulting explosion.

Mr. T. D. Fenby, M.P. for East Bradford, who is a Yorkshire blacksmith, was elected Whip for the English members of the Parliamentary Liberal Party.

Burglars who removed a safe from a house at Chelmsford were chased in a motor-car to Forestgate, where the car and the safe were found abandoned.

Three men in a motor-car who made a raid on a jeweller's shop at Peckham failed to steal a tray of rings after having broken the window, but they escaped capture.

Ex-Prince Carol's defence to the action by Madame Lambrino is when their morganatic marriage was annulled, for State reasons, an allowance was made to her to meet all claims.

Three thousand people, in an audience of 8,000 assembled at the Albert Hall, testified, in response to an appeal by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, that they had been in touch with their dead.

Chased by police in commandeered cars, a motor-car, which is alleged to have been stolen, crashed into a provision van in Kennington Park-road. The two occupants leapt from the hunted car and ran away. A man was later detained by the police.

A half-bred wolf-dog or even a dog with a strain of wolf in him of a generation or two back would be held by the Courts, the Home Secretary announces, to be "dangerous, ferocious, or mischievous" without proof of knowledge of the individual animal's propensities.

Moving a financial resolution in connection with the Housing (Rural Workers) Bill, Mr. Chamberlain said that the Government's endeavour was to secure that the Exchequer contributions should inure to the benefit of the agricultural workers and other persons in substantially the same position. Those contributions should not be diverted to the personal profits of the landlords or other tenants who were not of the character prescribed. On a division the resolution was carried by 238 votes to 82.

The domestic wing of Sherbrooke Park, Warrington, Surrey, has been destroyed by fire.

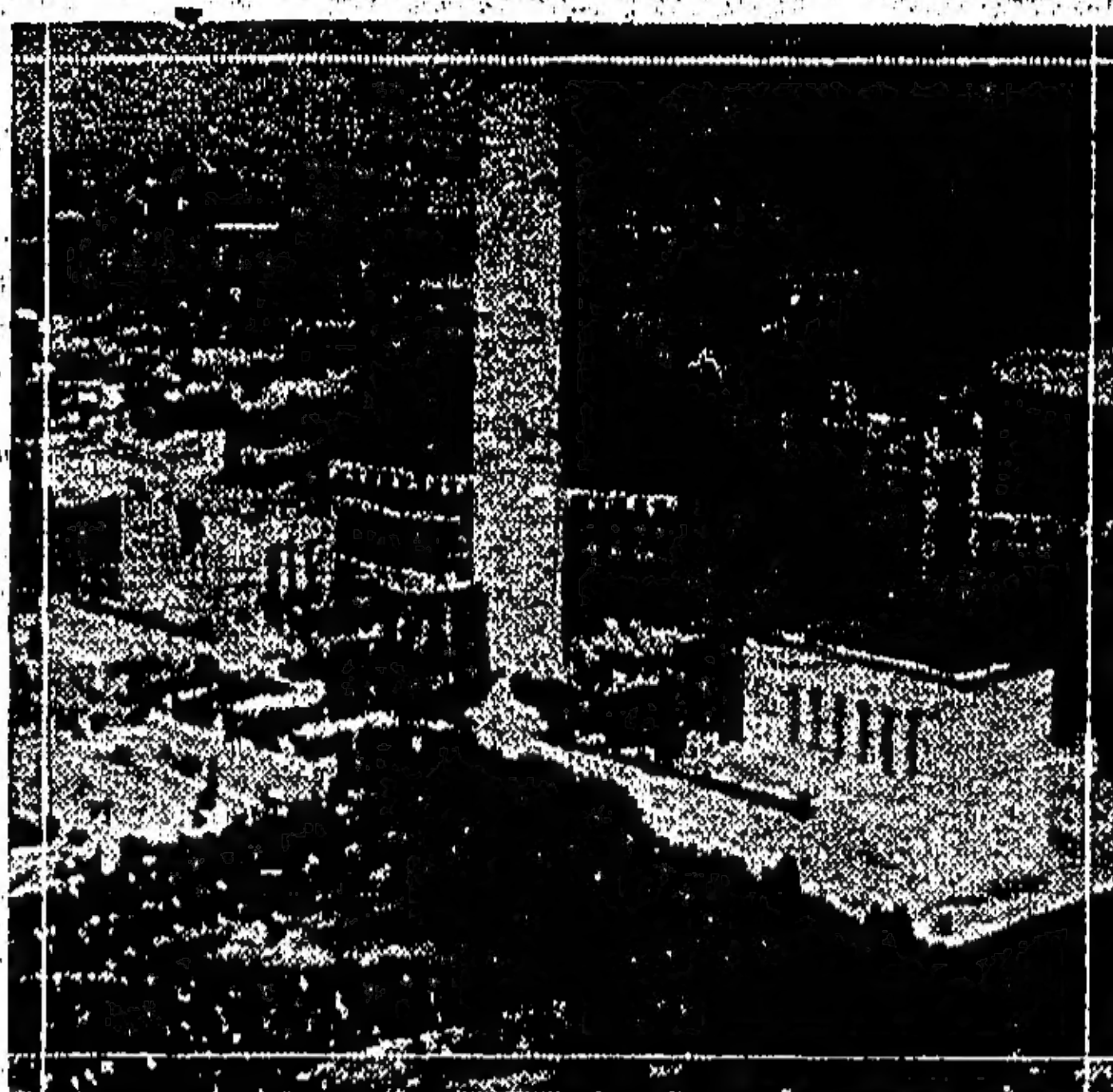
A boy of 11 who is attending a London County Council school at Brixton told Mr. Roach, the Lambeth magistrate, that he could not read.

Information received by the "Daily Telegraph's" Diplomatic Correspondent from an ecclesiastical quarter in Rome points to the hastening of the conclusion of a Concordat between the Vatican and the Italian Government as a result of the attempt on Signor Mussolini's life.

Mr. Harry Mossman died from injuries received when he was gored by a bull in a shed on his farm near Barnet, Hertfordshire.

For more than three hours the police and others tried to capture a bull which had been loose in York, and ultimately the animal was shot.

Henry Eables, an inmate, was sent for trial at Sutton, Surrey, for being concerned in setting fire to a mattress in the Belmont institution of the Fulham Board of Guardians — where there have been four outbreaks of fire since the big fire in January.



An aeroplane view of the Kansas City Liberty Memorial, showing the fifty thousand persons who assembled at it on Armistice Day when it was dedicated by President Coolidge. The shaft is surmounted by a "perpetual flame" effect produced by lights and smoke.

Among new companies registered is the Organisation for the Maintenance of Supplies.

Immigrants from the United Kingdom to Canada were expected to number 200,000 next year—more than twice this year's total—Colonel Dennis, head of the Canadian Pacific Railway Colonisation Dept., stated at a luncheon in London.

A resolution was unanimously adopted by the British Empire Film Institute calling for immediate and practical steps by his Majesty's Government, in co-operation with the Dominion and Colonial Governments, to encourage and support the production of British films within the Empire. An advisory committee was formed to assist in co-operating the efforts in Australia and New Zealand with similar efforts in Great Britain and the Empire.

An Arab fireman has been arrested in a ship at Falmouth in connection with the death of another fireman from burns.

Moving a supplementary estimate of £3,250,000 for the Ministry of Health—almost wholly for loans for necessitous areas—Sir Kingsley Wood said that in the financial year 1925-26 a sum of no less than £31,400,000 had been contributed for poor relief from local rates alone. So far as charges of starvation were concerned, the officers of the Ministry had been unable to find any cases in which the Guardians or their officers had failed to relieve destitution. In regard to children the general effect of the Department's information was that they were better fed and healthier than when their fathers were at work. In a division the Government had a majority of 184—215 to 31.

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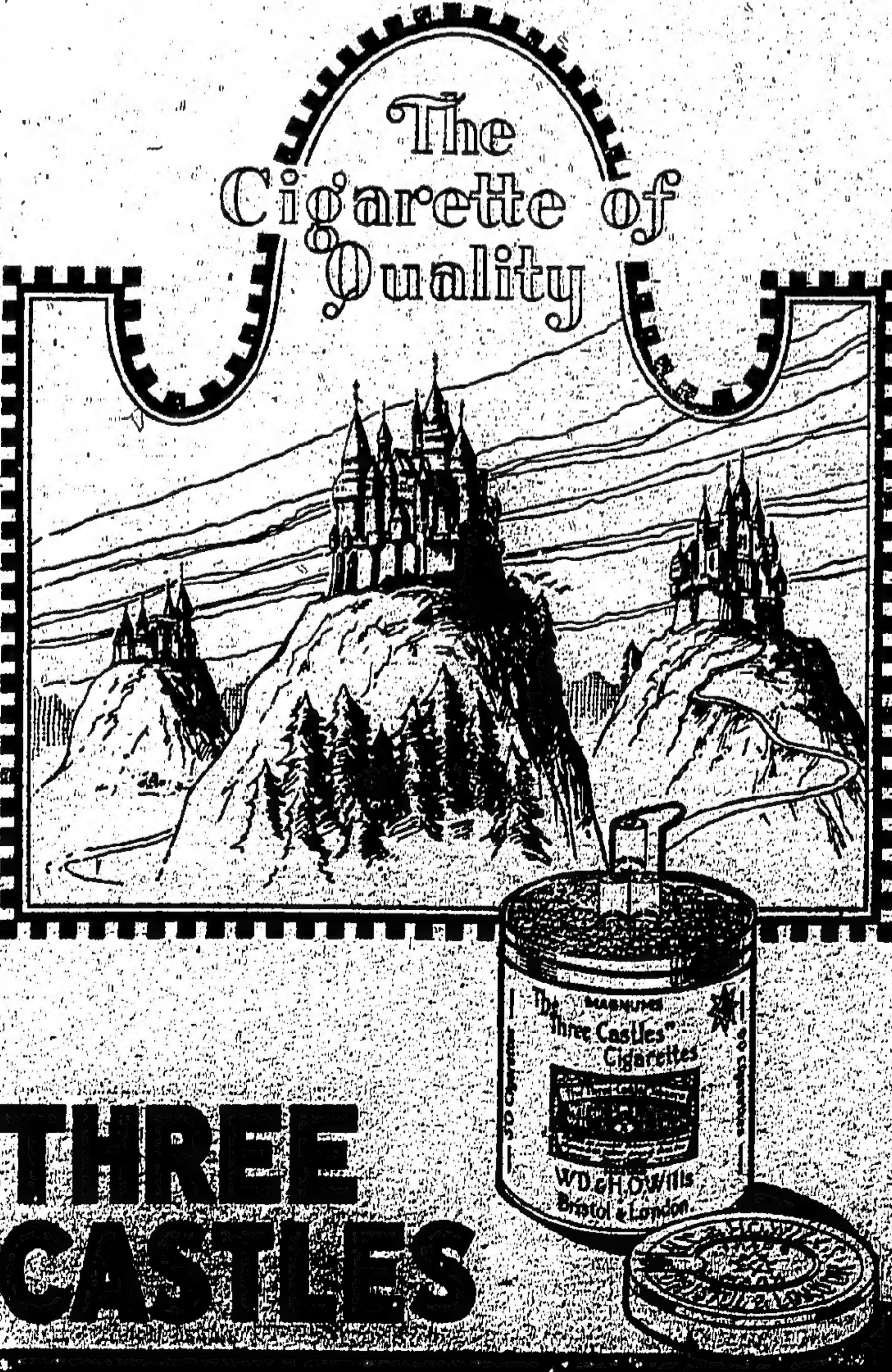
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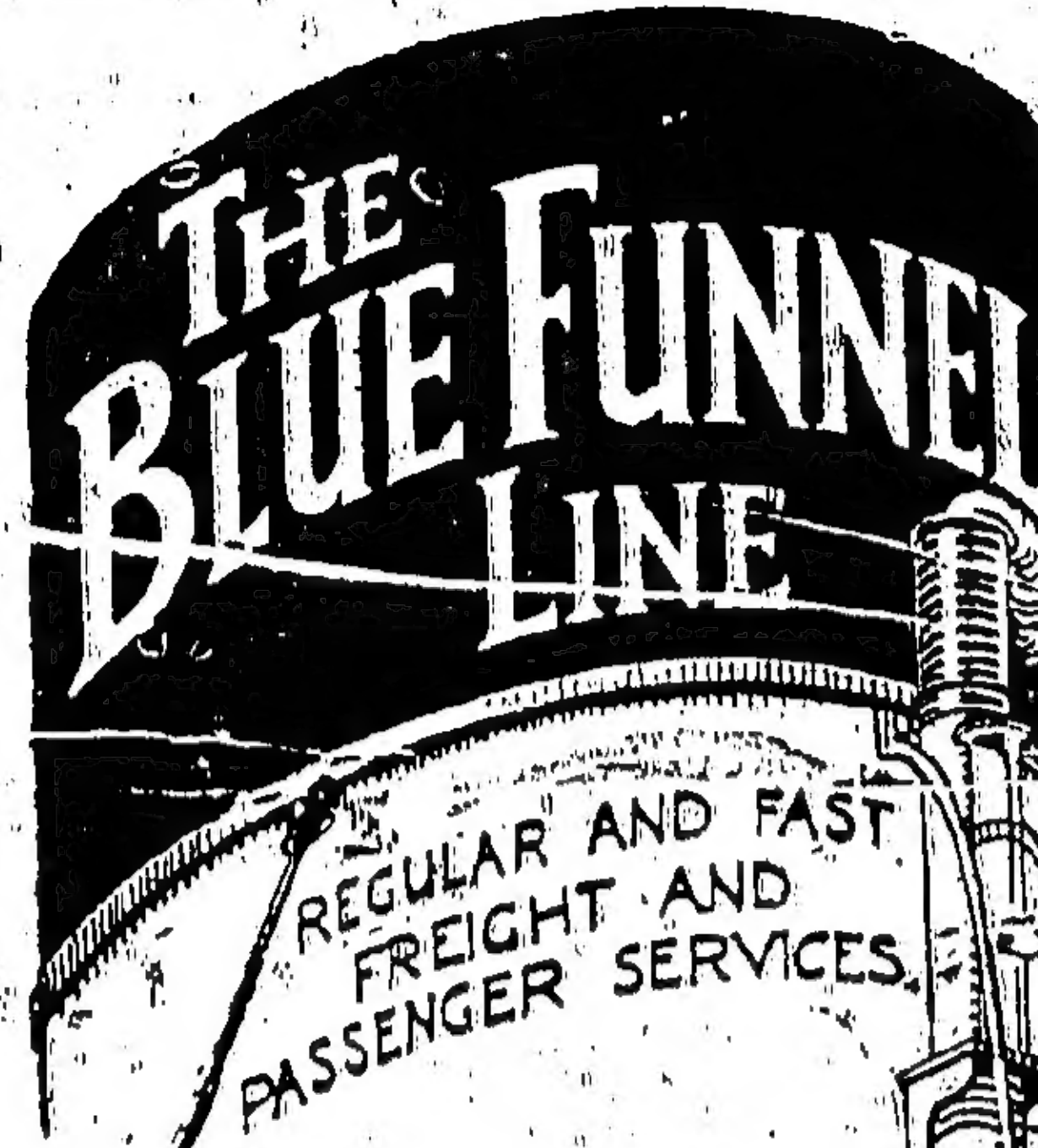
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INWARD MAILS.

FROM	WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29	THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30	FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31	SUNDAY, JANUARY 1	MONDAY, JANUARY 2	TUESDAY, JANUARY 3	WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4	THURSDAY, JANUARY 5	FRIDAY, JANUARY 6	SUNDAY, JANUARY 7
Straits	10.30 a.m.	10.30 a.m.	10.30 a.m.	10.30 a.m.	10.30 a.m.	10.30 a.m.	10.30 a.m.	10.30 a.m.	10.30 a.m.	10.30 a.m.
Manila	10.30 a.m.	10.30 a.m.	10.30 a.m.	10.30 a.m.	10.30 a.m.	10.30 a.m.	10.30 a.m.	10.30 a.m.	10.30 a.m.	10.30 a.m.
Shanghai & Europe via Siberia	10.30 a.m.	10.30 a.m.	10.30 a.m.	10.30 a.m.	10.30 a.m.	10.30 a.m.	10.30 a.m.	10.30 a.m.	10.30 a.m.	10.30 a.m.
Shanghai & Europe via Siberia	10.30 a.m.	10.30 a.m.	10.30 a.m.	10.30 a.m.	10.30 a.m.	10.30 a.m.	10.30 a.m.	10.30 a.m.	10.30 a.m.	10.30 a.m.
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OUTWARD MAILS.

TO	WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29	THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30	FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31	SUNDAY, JANUARY 1	MONDAY, JANUARY 2	TUESDAY, JANUARY 3	WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4	THURSDAY, JANUARY 5	FRIDAY, JANUARY 6	SUNDAY, JANUARY 7
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FAKED MEMOIRS.

BRITISH AMBASSADOR AS A WITNESS.

NEVER SAW PEARSON.

London, Dec. 11.
Sir Rennell Rodd was called as a witness at the resumption of the Hesketh Pearson case. He said that he did not recollect ever meeting Hesketh Pearson or having heard of him before the book was published.
He denied furnishing him with any material for the purpose of publication. Witness was in Italy when Hesketh Pearson alleged that he had been in communication with him.
In cross-examination he denied having been in places where interviews reported in the book were stated to have been held. He was never in India and had never stayed with Rhodes in Africa, but the latter stayed with him in Zanzibar.
The hearing was adjourned.

NICARAGUA.

TRUCE FOR BURIAL OF THE DEAD.

Managua, Dec. 28.
A truce has been agreed to by the rival Nicaraguan factions in order to bury the dead killed in four days' fighting with heavy losses on both sides.

It is stated that the Liberals, aided by Mexican volunteers, forced the Conservative government troops to withdraw to Bluefields.

Admiral Lattimer, commanding the United States warships in Nicaraguan waters, reports the districts of Puerto Cabezas, Rio Grande, El Bluff, and Bluefields have been established as neutral zones, and declared that both Liberals and Conservatives must evacuate this territory or disarm. He urges the establishment of other neutral zones, so that the whole east coast will be neutral, and thus the Diaz Government will be relieved of the responsibility of protecting the towns there.—Reuter's American Service.

"Big Business" Suspect.

Washington, Dec. 28.
The latest development of the civil war in Nicaragua, where the conservative Government forces are now reported to be retreating, is regarded by certain members of Congress as making recent landing by United States marines on the east coast of Nicaragua embarrassing to the United States Government.

Mr. Borah, chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee in the Senate, in a statement, expresses the opinion that a section of American business men are anxious to embroil the United States with Mexico through Nicaragua.—Reuter's American Service.

"REAL RULERS."

WONDERS OF FAST-BREEDING MICROBES.

Berlin, Nov. 25.
Professor Neumberg, lecturing at the Kaiser Wilhelm Institute, of Biochemistry, on the useful microbes of mankind, said that one microbe weighing a billionth of a gramme could within 24 hours have millions of billions of descendants weighing a thousand milliard tons, which all the goods waggons on earth could not carry away.
Microbes were the real rulers; they had destroyed petrol fumes, and had assisted industry by providing butyl alcohol to replace any other form of alcohol, of which there was a world shortage, due to prohibition in America.

RUBBER PRICES.

Messrs. Carroll Bros. have received a cable from Singapore indicating the following prices:—
Allensbys \$2.85
Alor Gajahs 2.35
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Ayer Pamas 12.90
Changkat Seriangs 0.10
Glensays 2.30
Jerams 1.75
Jimams 2.25
Kedahs 4.40
Lunas 4.00
New Serdangs 4.85
Pajamas 3.50

PRESS TRUSTS.

WELL-KNOWN JOURNALISTS' WARNING.

CLASH WITH AUTHORITY.

London, Dec. 11.
The question of newspaper amalgamations and the working journalists were discussed at a large representative meeting of journalists in London, under the presidency of Sir Robert Bruce of the "Glasgow Herald," the President of the Institute of Journalists.

He said he did not conceive of amalgamations and organisations for the mass production of methods of influencing opinion and controlling news as in the same category as huge commercial and industrial amalgamations, and expressed the opinion that sooner or later, if this sinister development continued, there would be a clash between its power and the power of constitutional authority.

A resolution, moved by Mr. Peaker, ex-President of the Institute of Journalists, seconded by Mr. St. John Ervine, was unanimously adopted, expressing grave concern at the modern tendency towards monopolistic control of newspapers, and believing it inimical to the real freedom of the Press and a menace to the livelihood of the independent working journalist.

The resolution further expressed the opinion that when the services of journalists were dispensed with they should at least be entitled to notice, or salary in lieu thereof, proportionate to their length of service.

The Chairman announced that it was intended to carry the resolution to the farthest possible limit.

TRAPPED BY FLAMES.

A DESPERATE FIGHT FOR LIFE.

DEATH OF A PETROLEUM EMPLOYEE.

Ventura, Calif., Dec. 28.
Trapped in a ring of fire, 400 feet across, a number of employees of the General Petroleum Company perished in a desperate fight for life when they found escape cut off by a wall of flames and their clothing soaked with petroleum.
Some dashed for safety, and emerged blazing from head to foot. Three fell inside the ring and perished. Three others are so badly burned that their lives are despaired of.—Reuter's American Service.

LONDON CLUB.

FIRST GERMAN SINCE THE WAR.

London, Dec. 12.
Prince Blucher, the descendant of the German General of Waterloo fame, has been unanimously re-elected a member of the exclusive Wellington Club of which he was a member before the War, being the first German to be admitted to membership of an English Club since the War.
Prince Blucher served in the German Red Cross in war-time.

PAPER CHASE FALL.

Calcutta, Dec. 12.
While riding in the first of the season's paper chases yesterday, Lady Tegar, wife of the Police Commissioner, met with an accident. Her horse shield at a jump. Her stirrup leather broke and she was heavily thrown.
She was conveyed home and an examination showed that the fall was not as serious as at first feared. Her head and back were injured, but not seriously.

MEXICO CITY, DECEMBER 23.

Major Dargue, commander of the five American army aeroplanes, making the 18,500 miles Pan American flight, presented a letter from President Coolidge to President Calles, who wished the fliers success, and hoped the friendly American-Mexican relations would continue.—Reuter's American Service.

MARINES' LANDING.

"A BLUNDER" OF THE FIRST MAGNITUDE.

AMERICA AND NICARAGUA.

Washington, Dec. 3.
The "Times" Washington and Central and South American representatives at Washington consider that the United States was guilty of a blunder of the first magnitude when it permitted marines to be landed at Puerto Cabezas ostensibly to establish a neutral zone for the protection of American lives and property but really in order to destroy the Sacaca Liberal Government.

There is not the least question in the mind of anyone here understanding the position that the landing was intended to hit the Mexican Government by ricochet from Sacaca by felling his cause and gaining the rejected attempts of Guatemala and Costa Rica to mediate between him and Diaz whose presidency has been recognised by the United States.

It is now likely that Mexico, which has recognised Sacaca, will endeavour to secure the election in Honduras of a government hostile to Diaz.—Reuter's American Service.

"MOST LIBERAL."

FRANCE'S POLICY IN FAR EAST.

Paris, Dec. 28.
Mr. Briand has made a statement to the Cabinet on foreign affairs, particularly the position in China. According to authoritative information, France is awaiting additional information from its diplomatic agents in China before deciding upon its attitude.
Furthermore a decision has not yet been reached regarding the British memorandum, but it is semi-officially stated that French policy in the East will continue to be most liberal.—Reuter.

BRITISH TRIBUTES.

LATE EMPEROR OF JAPAN PRAISED.

Rugby, Dec. 28.
The newspapers are publishing long and appreciative memorial notices of the late Emperor of Japan.
The King has commanded that the English Court shall wear mourning for three weeks, and half mourning from January 8 to 15.—British Wireless Service.

FARM BATTLE.

STATE POLICE HELD AT BAY.

Somerville, New Jersey, Dec. 22.
A woman mountaineer lies in the Somerset county hospital probably mortally wounded from gunshot wounds as a result of an all night battle during which the woman and her brothers, apparently undaunted by gas bombs hurled through the windows of their besieged farm house at Jandun, held off an attacking force of more than 30 state police.

The officers went to the farm house in response to a complaint of the human society that members of the Meany family were not feeding their cattle properly. When the officers arrived a battle ensued in which Beatrice Meany, a spinster, was shot through the abdomen. Her brothers suffered leg wounds but they held out until daylight.

RUGBY, DECEMBER 28.

The later stage of the flight, from Cairo to Karachi, will open the new Empire air route between Egypt and India. Two other machines designed for the new service started on their journey last week, and the first of these, in which the Director of Civil Aviation, Sir Sefton Branker, is travelling, has left Egypt for Palestine. On reaching Baghdad, he will await the arrival of Sir Samuel Hoare.—British Wireless Service.

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